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Manila imposes ban on maids

MANILA, Jan 20, (Reuters): The government of President Corazon Aquino, concerned over reports of sexual harassment of maids from the Philippines, said today it would bar women from working abroad.

President Benigno said a cabinet meeting had approved a Labour Department suggestion to halt the practice of exporting domestic helpers until corrective measures were taken by host countries.

"There will be a temporary suspension of the deployment of Philippine labour, more particularly Philippine female labour abroad because of excessive abuses," Benigno said.

"There will be a gradual lifting of the ban" for countries in which the rights and human privileges of Filipino workers are respected," he added.

Horror

The move followed dozens of horror stories in the Philippine press of maids being raped by their employers, forced into prostitution and made to work in conditions approaching slavery.

Most of the criticism has been directed at Japan and the Middle East.

An official said the ban would not affect the thousands of women from the Philippines who work, especially in Asia, as bar girls and entertainers.

Benigno did not say when the order would be implemented or for how long the ban would last.

People have become one of the major exports of the impoverished Philippines, with officials estimating that maids, tens of thousands of whom work in Hong Kong and Singapore, remit about \$10 million annually.

Cream of students

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (AP): American universities are attracting "the cream" of foreign-born graduate engineering students and most of them add to the brain drain from other countries by eventually becoming US citizens, a study showed.

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Burning

"We cannot see other ships burning with their crew without helping," he said.

The admiral's remarks appeared to reflect a hardening of French policy toward Iran after allegations that France had sought accommodation with Tehran last month to win the release of its hostages to Lebanon.

Describing the policy as a two-level approach, he said: "If they attack a French flag vessel, we will respond to it. This is the first level of intervention. If we see an attack on another ship, they intervene to protect life."

He said that even a warship putting itself between Iranian fire and a commercial vessel in distress was "just humanitarian help ... a kind of help."

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The captain of the frigate Duplex, Claude Musset, reading

a prepared statement to reporters visiting the warship, said that when his vessel last Saturday received a distress signal from the 12,467-ton Rainbow, he headed fast toward it and saw it had already been set ablaze in an attack.

"We saw three speedboats eight kilometres (five miles) apart which fired three rockets at the Rainbow without reaching her. Duplex closing (in on) Rainbow and entering their weapon danger area called on gunboats to stop their threatening shots or she (Duplex) would fire. The speedboats then stopped shooting and moved away," Musset read.

In Dubai, official and shipping sources said today that an international naval armada has cleared the Gulf of mines since it arrived last year with none being found in or near the waterway since November.

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Stopover

Commander Bob Money, captain of the British frigate Scylla, said during a stopover in Bahrain port on Monday that "the known minefield have been swept."

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is willing to undertake shuttle diplomacy between Tehran and Baghdad to try to halt the Gulf war, but only if he is assured it would be productive, he said yesterday.

"I don't want to be as a way of buying time, or pretending movement where there is no movement," he said in an interview with Reuters.

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But the suspicion he aroused in other parts of Pakistan was mirrored in guarded messages of condolence sent by President

Requests

Equally, if a ship under attack did not request help, there would be no reason for intervention, he added. He was referring to a report in October that a French warship did not move to help a vessel that was being attacked in the vicinity because the target was not a French-flag ship.

The captain of the frigate Duplex, Claude Musset, reading

French forces to fire on Iranian gunboats

MANAMA, Jan 20, (Agencies): The commander of France's naval forces in the Gulf said today his warships will fire on Iranian gunboats that refuse to break off attacks on neutral merchant ships when French vessels come to the rescue.

Captain Guy Laboucane, speaking to reporters aboard the Marne, the flagship for the 22-ship French Indian Ocean fleet, said he was spelling out French rules of engagement in an area involving an incident last weekend between the French frigate Duplex and Iranian gunboats in the Strait of Hormuz.

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Bribes

Three Army troopers carriers with 400 soldiers of the Sixth Brigade had earlier rolled away from the muddy alleys surrounding the camps.

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INTERNATIONAL



Composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber is joined by four of his leading ladies as he is awarded the 'Man of Vision' Award by the Eye Research Institute of Boston. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iranians seek refuge in Ireland

SHANNON, Jan 20, (AP): Immigration officials today were interviewing 12 Iranians who requested political asylum in the Irish Republic after landing at Shannon airport on a flight from Moscow.

The Iranians walked away unnoticed from a Soviet Aeroflot airlines that landed at the international airport in southwestern Ireland last night for refuelling on a flight from Moscow to Havana Cuba, officials said.

It is thought the group — eight adults and four children — made its way from Iran to Moscow through Syria.

In broken English, they explained their request for political asylum and were allowed to stay in the Irish Republic pending a decision by the Department of Justice.

A Department of Justice spokesman in Dublin said the Iranians were being interviewed by immigration officials to determine whether they qualified for refugee status.

Last year, more than 30 people left Aeroflot flights at Shannon — including Cubans, Sri Lankans and Afghans — seeking asylum in the neutral republic, generally using the country as a stopping off point before trying to get into the United States or Canada.

Aquino in clash with Congress

MANILA, Jan 20, (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino, flushed with her ruling coalition's victory in Monday's local elections, has promised better government in 1988 and thwarted a bid by Congress to clip her powers.

"I am not going to play politics with anybody ... we shall bring the resources of the government to the people and we shall not allow anybody to stop us," Aquino said today.

Aquino made the vow at a weekly meeting of her cabinet, which applauded her statement, presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno told reporters.

In her first open clash with Congress, Aquino sent back unsigned to the legislature today a proposed law that would in effect curtail the presidential powers of appointment.

It was the first bill Aquino has vetoed since the country's first freely elected legislature in 15 years was installed last June.

Under the bill no official appointed by the President to

Shevardnadze gives arms warning to West

MADRID, Jan 20, (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, starting a visit to Spain, Nato's youngest member, has warned the Western alliance against modernising weapons to compensate for the superpower nuclear disarmament agreement.

His warning, at the end of a three-day visit to Bonn before flying to Madrid, capped his first call for a ban on short-range missiles after the US-Soviet agreement to scrap intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF).

Nato favours modernisation of short-range nuclear forces with a range of up to 500 km (300 miles) and conventional weapons, saying it wants to counter Soviet superiority.

"This modernisation would be a very dangerous trend ... it must not be allowed to happen," Shevardnadze said.

His first visit here came as the socialist government submitted to its allies plans for Spain's role in the alliance.

Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez secured Spain's 1982 membership of Nato by a 1986 referendum on condition that it remain free of nuclear weapons and outside Nato's military structure.

Another condition was fulfilled last week when the United

States, after 18 months of tense negotiations, agreed to remove from Spain a key wing of F-16s fighter-bombers stationed at Torrejon, near Madrid.

But the withdrawal, if it is likely to have pleased Moscow, will not come up during Shevardnadze's three-day visit.

"It is the only thing we will not talk about," a senior Spanish government official said.

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez said talks would cover a possible visit to Spain by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in the second half of this year, to return Gonzalez' trip to Moscow two years ago, but he said no precise date would be fixed.

Gorbachev has turned down an invitation to visit West Germany during the first half.

Shevardnadze told reporters he hoped to widen political, economic, cultural and economic relations with Spain, and said disarmament would also be covered.

Topless black nuns taken to court

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (UPI): Police so far have ignored a beach revolution by thousands of white women who have shed their bikini tops to soak up the sun, but two black nuns have been ordered to appear in court next month for doing much the same thing.

Sister Margaret Msibi, 31, and Sister Christiana Mgityana, 28, from the Daughters of Charity Convent at Imanda, were indicted in a Durban courtroom yesterday for public indecency.

They were not asked to plead to a charge that they showered topless Monday, wearing only white panties, on one of Durban's popular beaches.

They were released without bail and were ordered to return to court Feb. 9.

The two nuns appear in court wearing black habits and white collars. They were accompanied to court by a number of other nuns.

Three young black women, one of them not yet in her teens, were charged with a similar offense last year. A well-wisher paid fines on their behalf, but the charges were later withdrawn and the money was refunded.

Citing a Supreme Court ruling backing her appointment of a retired Army general as customs chief without congressional concurrence, Aquino said: "The President yields to the court's judgement. The Congress can do no less."

She said the bill "would unduly curtail the appointing power vested in the President by our fundamental law."

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All aspects of a solution completed: Perez

UN to monitor Afghan peace

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20, (Reuter): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he is ready to monitor an Afghanistan settlement.

In an interview with Reuters, he said all aspects of an Afghanistan solution involving the United Nations were completed, including provision for UN monitoring of an accord calling for withdrawal of Soviet troops.

All the agreements were completed, he said, referring to drafts that have been discussed with the parties by his special envoy Diego Cordovez, who left New York on Monday for talks in Kabul and Islamabad, aimed at the convening of a final meeting in Geneva next month.

"I think there is general agreement and we are going to have contingency plans on the (monitoring) role," the Secretary-General said.

The idea behind it, he explained, was to avert a bloodbath in Afghanistan after the Soviet Union withdrew its troops, who have been there in strength since December 1979.

"It is very well known the

Afghans are a tough people," he said in an allusion to the risk of a continued war between rival factions.

Assistance

Afghanistan will accept economic aid for postwar reconstruction from any quarter willing to give it, President Najibullah told a new conference today.

Najibullah was asked whether Afghanistan would accept only Soviet bloc aid or invite assistance from Western agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, following the proposed withdrawal of Soviet forces and the hope for end to a nine-year-old guerrilla war.

Evidently referring to closer links with the Soviet Union, he said the last six or seven years had brought "a qualitative change in Afghanistan's historic trading relations".

But he added: "All other quarters who wish to help with the reconstruction of Afghanistan and the prosperity of the Afghan people — we shall welcome their assistance."

Meanwhile, a rocket attack on

Khost's airfield has shown vividly that routes in and out of the eastern garrison town remain insecure despite the success of Soviet and Afghan government forces in breaking a three-month rebel siege.

Flights to Khost, already limited to the hours of darkness because of mujahideen's ability to down planes with US-made heat-seeking Stinger missiles, were put in further jeopardy on Tuesday by the nightfall assault on the airfield.

The attack occurred just as two military transport planes carrying Western correspondents were about to take off.

The planes, propeller-driven Antonov-26s of the Afghan Air Force, came under fire as they prepared to take a group of Moscow-based journalists to Kabul after a government-sponsored trip aimed at showing the success of the Khost offensive.

Two rockets penetrated the outer perimeter of the airfield, sending Afghan defence personnel running for cover, and a third appeared to land close to the runway only a few seconds after the

first plane lifted off.

The land route from the provincial capital of Gardez appeared to have been made fully secure with the arrival in Khost of the 17th relief convoy since the siege was broken last month.

But Soviet soldiers guarding the route said there were frequent attempts at infiltration by mine-laying Muslim guerrillas.

Casualties

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 has led to a war that is proportionally more deadly for Afghans than World War II was for the Soviets, according to a private study.

The study, prepared by Professor Marek Sliwinski of the University of Geneva, concluded that 1.3 million people, or more than 9 per cent of the Afghan population, died in the eight years of fighting.

About 8.6 per cent of the Soviet population perished in World War II.

An additional 33 per cent of the Afghan population have been driven into exile and 11 per cent are in hiding inside their country, the study said.

Crippled author bags award

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of communication that can leave outsiders baffled.

He raises his eyes for yes shakes his head for no. Turning his eyes to his shoulders indicates you should look for words beginning with S.

Journalists trooping to his suburban home near the shores of Dublin Bay are given a list of likely questions they might ask and the answers he has to take off to provide.

His autobiography, told in the third person to give it the feel of a spectator looking into the mirror, tells in rich prose the tale of a Dublin boy whose spine was wedged into a V-shape at birth, cutting off oxygen to his brain for two hours.

His body was shattered, his brain intact and from that horrendous beginning he struggled into normality, attending an ordinary state school and going on to Trinity College, Dublin, for one year without taking a degree.

Poetry
A book of poetry written at the age of 15 was lauded by critics with one saying "it was like finding diamonds in a dustbin." The slim volume won a spastics society award.

Christy, strapped into his wheelchair as his arms shoot out and his heads rolls involuntarily backwards, has written an autobiography laced with his own, often bawdy humour.

"Humour is the spice of life. What else can I do but laugh at myself. Just think of a man with a stick on his head trying to explain himself to a person who is blessed with coordination," he says.

Why the rich language? "My mind is just like a spin dryer at full speed. My thoughts fly around my skull while clouds of beautiful words cascade into my lap," he explains.

Lavan terminal attacked

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (Reuter): Iraq said its warplanes attacked Iran's Lavan Island oil terminal in the southern Gulf today, flying a successful round trip of 1,600 km (1,000 miles).

A military spokesman said the planes penetrated Iranian air defences to pound oil installations at the terminal till the craft returned safely, he added.

Lavan Island is generally considered outside the normal range of the Iraqi Air Force, but it has been raided several times. The last attack was on Sept. 18 last year.

The spokesman said the plane scored accurate hits on their targets, setting them on fire. Thick columns of smoke were billowing into the sky as they left, he said.

Most of Iraq's air attacks on Iran's oil facilities have concentrated on Kharg Island terminal in the northern Gulf and on the fleet of tankers ferrying oil to the safer waters in the south.

US snowstorm

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP): A snowstorm whipping drifts up to 14 feet (4.3-meters) high stranded hundreds of motorists as it roared toward the midwest yesterday, while tornadoes pounded parts of the south, killing five people.

At least 27 deaths have been blamed on bad weather this week, while the snowstorm moving east caused an estimated \$72 million in damage to Southern California and Mexico.

Commandos die in clashes with Israeli forces

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In the West Bank city of Ramallah, a reporter saw troops patrolling the city with rifles, clubs and crowbars, shoving Palestinians and forcing merchants on the main street to keep stores open.

In the nearby Kadura refugee camp, brown-bereted soldiers used their clubs and the wooden handles of pick axes to push open doors and climbed onto the roofs of homes searching for protesters.

Israel's police minister, Chaim Bar Lev, warned today curfews might be imposed for the first time as an anti-riot measure in Jerusalem's Arab neighbourhoods.

At a meeting earlier this week, the cabinet made a secret decision to authorise police to impose curfews in Jerusalem at their discretion and with the approval of Maj Gen Amram Mizrahi, head of the military's central command, political sources said.

Lev told reporters today: "The legal possibility exists (to impose curfews) through an Army warrant."



• Australian aboriginal actor Burnum Burnum flew out of Sydney on Jan 19 for England where he intends to claim UK on behalf of aboriginal people to even the score on the 200th anniversary of British settlement of Australia. (Reuter wirephoto)

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KUWAIT

Ministry plays active role in defending Islam

MOHAMMED Naser Al Hamdan, the Undersecretary for Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, said that the ministry plays an active role in defending Islam, adding that HH the Amir as present head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference supports Muslims in the defence of Islam around the world.

All informational means are used to achieve this aim, he added, and Kuwaiti youths are very active in Africa in spreading Islam among Africans.

Al Hamdan explained that the ministry allows imams to select the subjects of their Friday sermons, but are instructed not to attack regimes, persons or establishments. He said that imams have been asked not to

856 industrial accidents

ADNAN AL OMAR, the director of the labour department at Kuwait's Hawalli Governorate, said that 856 industrial accidents were reported in the Hawalli Governorate last year, adding that six workers were killed and 341 suffered from permanent to partial disability.

Al Omar said that a collective total of 34,668 workdays were lost as a result of accidents to workers and insurance compensation reached KD642,437. Medical treatment and hospital expenses covered by the state totalled KD160,609, he said, and the total losses resulting from work-related accidents in the governorate reached KD4 million including the cost of equipment, construction damage and loss of raw materials.

ACO helps exchange experiences

TALEB AL TAHER, the Director General of the Arab Cities Organisation, said that ACO was established primarily to maintain and preserve the environment of Arab cities throughout the world. Municipalities play the most important role in issuing legislation protecting the environment, such as cleanliness laws and laws controlling the work of slaughterhouses and peddlars as well as protecting public utilities, he said.

The ACO provides an opportunity for the exchange of experiences in information among Arab municipalities and organises several scientific seminars and training courses for municipality employees.

The ACO organised 35 such seminars and courses in different Arab and foreign cities during the period from 1971 to 1987, 17 of which focused on environmental protection, he said, adding that ACO also took part in several Arab and international seminars and conferences.

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Siamese twins still alive**British expert consulted**

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S health authorities have sought the opinion of a British expert in neo-natal open heart surgery concerning the case of the Siamese twins born in Kuwait nine days ago. The move comes in the wake of instructions given by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to explore all avenues to save the twins.

Sheikh Saad has taken a keen interest in the case.

Feeding

Kuwait's specialists are reluctant to operate on the Siamese twins because of severe congenital abnormalities in both babies.

The British expert, Dr Stark from London Hospital for Sick Children, who has been in telephone contact with doctors in Kuwait, was not optimistic about the prospects for surgery.

But he asked for a detailed history and records which are being taken today to London by Health Ministry Undersecretary, Dr Nael Al Naqib, who is going there for some other work.

Meanwhile, the doctors are trying to keep the twins alive through mechanical ventilation and intravenous feeding.

and kidneys as well as some neurological defects.

The babies' father, an Egyptian



Kuwait's Siamese twins are being kept alive with mechanical ventilation and intravenous feeding.

mother, has expressed his confidence in Kuwait's doctors and is ready for the worst. The mother, who had delivered four children before giving birth to the twins, was discharged from the Addan hospital yesterday.

Soviets support implementation of UN resolution on Gulf war

KUWAIT'S Ambassador to the Soviet Union Abdul Mohsen Al Duaij was quoted as saying yesterday that the Soviet Union is not against the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 598 which calls for an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper Duaij said: "Let's be frank, the Soviet Union has not assisted Iran against the Arabs and its positions have been well-known for the two belligerents, and Moscow has not supplied Iran with arms but since the beginning of the conflict it has

been against the war."

The ambassador said however, the Soviet Union has long border with Iran and it is natural to be keen on good neighbourly relations with Iran.

Progress

The Ambassador expressed satisfaction over the progress of relations between Moscow and Kuwait last year.

He disclosed that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had paid tribute to Kuwaiti leadership when he met him to congratulate

KAMCS maps out programme

THE administration of the Kuwait Amateur Motorists and Cyclists Society held a meeting yesterday presided over by the chairman Tarek Al Raies.

They discussed a number of issues and the proposed

programme of activity for the new year, including a motor and cycle races on Friday, Jan 22.

The members also discussed sending a delegation to Saudi Arabia to take part in a four-day racing festival at Bardeh.

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Ten fires at camp sites reported

ALI AL QABANDI, the Public Relations Director at Kuwait's General Fire Department, said that 10 fires had been reported at camp sites during the first week of the spring holiday this year, adding that all of the accidents were the result of negligence on the part of campers while preparing food.

He expressed disappointment that such a large number of fires were reported in spite of the department's informational campaigns and warnings by security officers about the dangers of unsupervised fires.

Campers failed to take the required precautions, he said, to protect tents from fires, especially when kerosene or gas stoves are being used. Al Qabandi explained that all combustible materials such as wood, gases and kerosene should be kept at a safe distance from fires and generators should be located away from tents.

Two people were injured in the accidents, he said.

Study on schools

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khudari issued a resolution setting up a committee assigned to study the possible benefits of increasing the size of school buildings and to determine the needs of schools during the present Five Year Plan. The committee will be headed by the director of the Planning Department at the ministry, Yousef Al Tarrah.

Jailed for selling liquor

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced two men to two years imprisonment each and a third man to four years imprisonment *in absentia* and a fine of KD1,000 for smuggling and selling liquor.

Detectives in Qadisiya learnt that one of the men was selling liquor and sent a secret agent to buy 21 boxes of whisky from the man. He agreed, and brought the liquor with one of the other men on the appointed day and collected the money. As soon as the deal was completed, police rushed in, arrested them and got the whisky and the money.

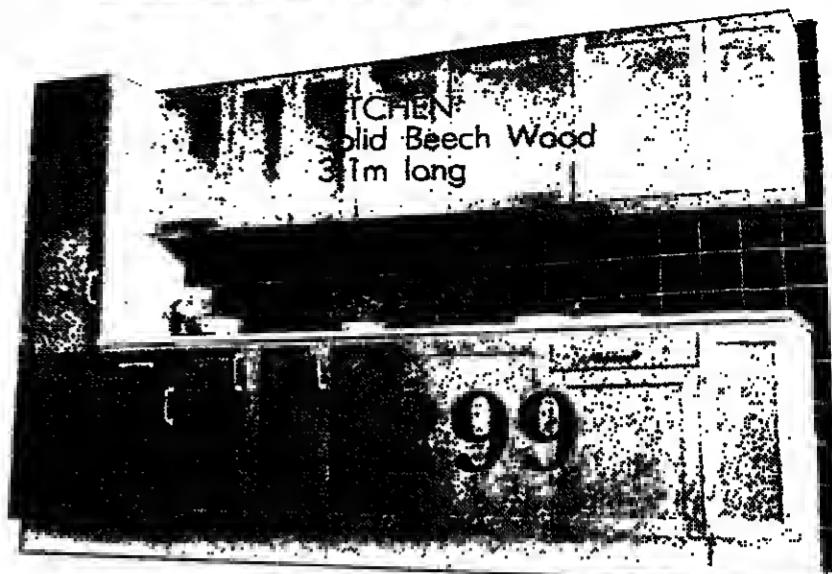
The two men said they got the whisky from a man who kept the liquor at his farm in Uqaila. When the police raided the farm they found a number of whisky boxes, but the man had disappeared.

Child killed

A CHILD died after being run over by a car yesterday in Kuwait.

There were 15 accidents, with four taking place in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

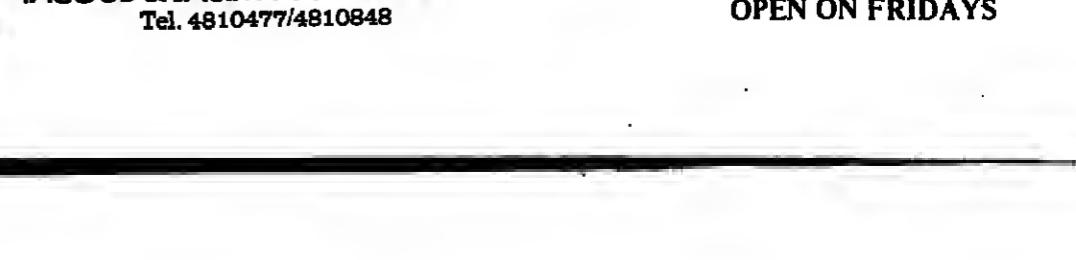
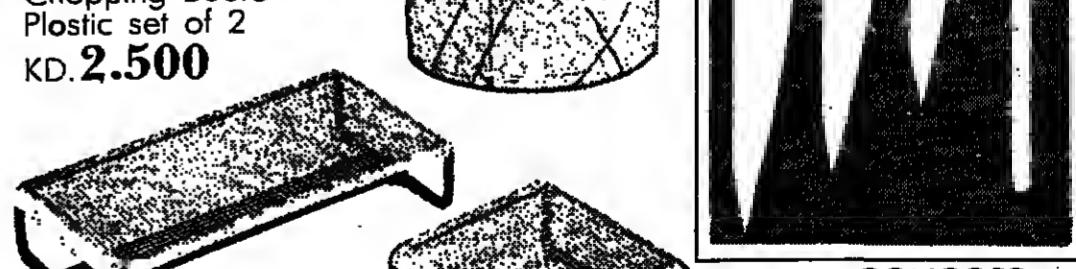
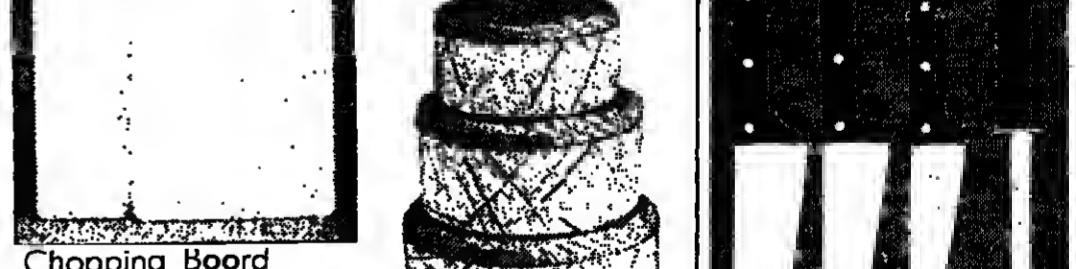
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EVENTS



Table Talk

BY DINAH

I WONDER if, like me, you have often walked through the Salmia Complex behind the Meriden Hotel without being aware that there is a Chinese restaurant hidden away on the second floor.

Behind the ornately carved moon gate entrance way of the Peking Chinese Restaurant is a quite simple wood-panelled room with some private eating areas screened off behind sliding doors. Although the carved Chinese screens, ceiling and painted lanterns are very attractive, the restaurant itself is a little dingy and lacking in atmosphere. The chairs are not that comfortable and could certainly do with some new covers.

We were at first put off by the incongruous Western disco music but were relieved when it was replaced by some gentle Asian ballads. Go quality ivory chopsticks provided in addition to spoon, fork, and knife; the rest of the cutlery was mismatched and rather cheap — Chinese tea being served in Turkish coffee cups, for example.

Because our first impressions were so negative, we were very pleasantly surprised by the excellence of the food itself.

Quality food at Chinese diner

When it arrived, the menu offers over 150 dishes ranging through beef, poultry, seafood, mutton, noodles, soups and rice and including delicacies such as shark's fin, bird's nest, sea-cucumber and Peking Duck. Some items were not available or needed to be ordered in advance, however. Guests can select either large or small portions of each dish; the small servings being adequate for two people when a variety of dishes is ordered.

Appetiser

We began the meal with prawn crackers — the perfect light appetiser if you don't feel hungry enough for the rather filling Chinese soups. The tasty, crisp crackers were excellent, although rather expensive at 75 fils for a small plate. All of the main course dishes we chose were cooked to perfection. Light and delicate in flavour they were ideal for those who prefer their food without rich sauces. The Fried Prawn Slices comprised a generous helping of very fresh prawns, subtly flavoured with a hint of ginger and served with bamboo shoots, carrots, peas and mushrooms. This dish was certainly good value at KD2.70.

The Fried Beef with Char Chai was also excellent. Best quality tender beef, finely shredded with onions and pickled seaweed, it had a melting texture and was seasoned with a dash of Szechuan pepper. The Vegetarian's Delight was a tasty dish with the fresh natural flavour of green and yellow peppers, onions, two varieties of mushrooms and glass noodle.

The total bill came to KD11.770 which included Chinese tea (400 fils) and compulsory mineral water charged at 400 fils. A ten per cent service charge is also added to the bill. We could have eaten more cheaply if we had skipped the desserts (KD1.400) and the prawn crackers.

The service was friendly and efficient and the food arrived promptly. That the restaurant is popular with the Asian community is perhaps the best recommendation for the quality of the food served there. The Peking is open for lunch 12-3pm and dinner from 6.30-11pm.

RESTAURANT: The Peking Chinese Restaurant

TYPE: Chinese restaurant in the Salmia Complex

MEAL: Three course à la carte

PRICE: KD11.770

Star rating (out of five):

FOOD: ***

SERVICE: ***

ATMOSPHERE: **

VALUE FOR MONEY: ****

CINEMA

Al Andales
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Sahiya
The Living Daylights
Starring: Timothy Dalton

Al Hamra
Ya... Sadiqi Kam Tasawi (Arabic)
Starring: Farouq Fishawi, Safiya Al Omari

Drive-In
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Yurdous
Kaash (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia

Fahheel Open-Air
Watan Ke Rakhwale (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra,

Sunil Dutt

Al-Fahheel
Rajakhi Stirkantu (Bengali)

Al Jaha
La'anat Al Maal (Arabic)

Granada
One Crazy Summer

Sulabikhat
Ajantha (Malayalam)

Al Jeeb
Hawalat (Hindi)

Ahmadi Drive-In
Binaat Haratna (Arabic)

Friday

Al Jaha
Police Story

Granada
Mahaan (Hindi)

Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Zeenat Aman

Sulabikhat
Choose Me

Al Jeeb
Hirasat (Hindi)

PRAYERS

Fajr 5.19 am

Zuhr 12.00

Asr 2.58 pm

Maghreb 5.17

Isha 6.37

Friday

Fajr 5.19 am

Friday Prayer 12.00 noon

Asr 2.58 pm

Maghreb 5.18

Isha 6.38

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Kuwait
Garnata Pharmacy
Rashid Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Ameen Pharmacy
Bebbehani Complex, Jaber Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Hawali Pharmacy

Tunis St.
Salimiya and Rumailiya
Qortuba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahheel and Ahmadi
Al Sadaf Pharmacy
Makkah St., Fheil
Farwania
Al Najat Pharmacy
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Jabra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
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Kuwait
Al Mojil Pharmacy
Mojil Bldg., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Baghdad Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem St.
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Saadah Pharmacy
Nr. Tawari Mosque,
Othman St.
Salimiya and Rumailiya

AlRaed Pharmacy
Anman St.
Jeeb Al Siyook
Hassawa Pharmacy
Block 2, Main St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.
Fahheel and Ahmadi
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St., Fheel

Kuwait National History Group

The next meeting of the group will be held from 7.30 pm on Tuesday, Jan 26, at the Gulf English School. An illustrated talk on Kashmir will be given by Ian Donaldson. For further details contact Eric Shaw. Tel: 3718417.

Winter Serenade

The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will be an evening to remember — haute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic balls, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Langhorne and Glenn Mackie. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meriden Hotel, on Feb. 1, 2, and 3. Feb. 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakiya features lunch and dinner, open 24 hours. Special barbecue evenings held on Thursday night in Al Jawharah supper club. Sumptuous buffet with all the trimmings. On Friday, special Friday buffet for all the family in Al Mubarakiya and Al Jawharah features children's party with band, clown, games and prizes, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

At the Hilton

Jazz brunch featured in La Palma on Friday. The brunch buffet features specialties of the deep American south like crispy corn patties, sugared yams, New Orleans jambalaya, cajun rice and much more. Enjoy the food while listening to jazzblues played by the Magentic Band Quartet.

At the SAS

Every Tuesday is Sahrat Al Khamra oriental night. Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at the Teat. Arabian bazaar, perfumes, jewellery, clothes and rugs are some of the attractions. Dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

dream they would like fulfilled.

10.30 Crime Story: "The Battle of Las Vegas". Lucas dominates the night club business in Las Vegas.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

National Museum
Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Mumtaz will be displayed at the National Museum from Jan 24, Sunday. The exhibition will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

Dahiyat Abdullah

Al Salem Gallery

An exhibition of paintings by Arab artist Rida Saleh will be held from Jan 23 to 30 at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery in Mansouriya. It will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

THEATRE

KLT-Comedy

The next production at KLT is a comedy Say Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb. 1. Repeat performances are 7.30 pm on Feb. 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the box office two days before the performance date.

SOCIAL

Children's Books Exhibition

A children's book exhibition will be held from Jan 23 to 28 at the British Council's in Manzouriya. The exhibition will feature award-winning books by prominent British illustrators and authors exhibited at the Frankfurt International Book Fair. The exhibition has been sponsored by the British Council and is being held in cooperation with the Kuwait Bookshop.

Kuwait Welsh Society

New Year's lunch on Friday, Jan 29, 12.30 pm. For further details phone 4874548 or 3940743/4 ext. 231 after 4.30 pm.



A scene from Friday's Japanese film, Makioka Sister.

Sergam Music Show

Sergam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb. 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455; 7 am to 3 pm.

Japan Week

Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm. From 9 am to 4 to 9 pm. Jan 22: Children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on loan from the 1987 International Art Exhibition held in Yokohama. Open from 4 to 9 pm. Jan 23: Seminar on Japanese education; 9 am to 1 pm; Ikebana School — 11 am to 1 pm; Piano concert by Cairo-based pianist Junko Nakayama. Jan 24: Ikebana

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Thought for today

LET US BE HAPPY AND LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO BORROW THE MONEY TO DO IT WITH — Artemus Ward, US revolutionary commander (1727-1800).

Hitting hard where it hurts

By Dan Izenberg

YAVNE, Israel. (AP) A 20-year Israeli policy of employing Palestinians has been threatened by six weeks of unrest in the occupied territories in which up to half the workers have failed to show up at their jobs.

Government officials have played down the impact on the economy, but Israeli employers warn they will have to bring more labourers from abroad if the disturbances continue.

About 105,000 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip work in Israel, most concentrated in low-skilled and low-paying jobs.

They work as waiters, mechanics, furniture makers, construction labourers, hospital orderlies, itinerant fruit pickers, cleaners, dishwashers and garbage collectors.

Many are found in the so-called "slave markets" on the highway leading out of the Gaza Strip or near the old, walled city of occupied Jerusalem where they wait, sometimes in vain, to be picked up by Jewish employers at the day's arbitrary rate.

Acute

The past six weeks of unrest has forced many to stay home.

The problem is especially acute in the Gaza Strip where teen-aged Palestinians have blocked roads and stoned vehicles carrying workers to Israel. The youths accuse the adults of collaborating with Israel by working for Jewish employers.

For its part, the Army has imposed curfews on more than a dozen refugee camps and ordered all residents to stay indoors to suppress the disturbances.

The result is that on some days more than 50,000 Palestinians — about three percent of the Israeli labour force — have failed to come to work.

For many reasons, Palestinian labour is a sensitive issue and officials are reluctant to admit that the labour loss is causing difficulties for Israel's economy, including the crucial export sector.

Soviets mend fences with neutral Sweden

By Helen Womack

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One example is the 10-week citrus harvest which began two weeks ago and is one of Israel's largest agricultural exports.

The harvest employs 15,000 fruit pickers, half of them Palestinians, according to Avner Michaeli, spokesman for the Government Employment Service.

To meet the crisis, Labour Minister Moshe Katzav granted work permits to 550 more residents of Israeli-controlled south Lebanon. About 1,250 Lebanese already work in Israel.

At the same time Education Minister Yitzhak Navon sent 10,000 students to the orchards.

"We won't leave a single fruit on the tree just because of the Arab workers," said Michaeli, who added that demobilised soldiers and civil service volunteers would also be brought in if necessary.

It is easy to tap national sentiment for the citrus harvest. Agriculture and the return to the land were key elements of the Zionist revival and continue to evoke deep emotions among Israelis even today.

The same is not true for other hard-hit sectors of the economy, and Israeli businessmen are seeking less sentimental solutions.

Koby Rogobin, owner of a Tel Aviv construction company, said he wanted to import 40 Portuguese workers to take over scaffolding, plastering and floor-laying jobs from absent Arabs.

"The Arabs don't come regularly and you can't run a business this way," Rogobin said.

Israel already employs 10,000 workers from such countries as Portugal, Ghana, the Philippines and Taiwan. Only one-quarter of them have work permits.

Chaim Kaminitz, manager of the Argaman Textile Factory in Yavne 40 miles (65 kilometres) southwest of Jerusalem, said he would seek more foreign workers if the unrest continued.

The 900-man factory employs 150 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip. Many stayed away during the unrest and production dropped, although Kaminitz declined to provide figures.

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Badshah Khan fought for Pathan rights

By Rahimullah Yousufzai

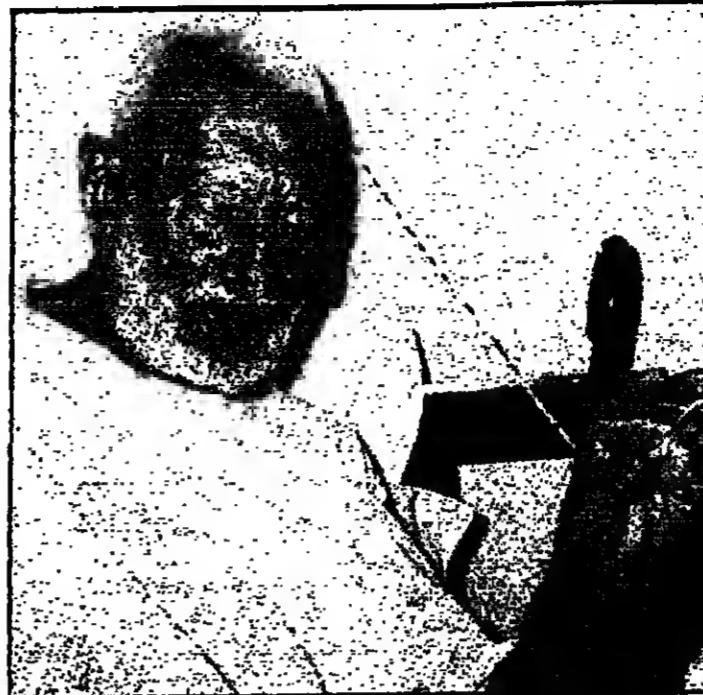
PESHAWAR, Pakistan. (UPI) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, dubbed the "Frontier Gandhi" for leading the non-violent struggle against British rule among tribes along the Afghan border, died after a long illness, hospital sources said. He was 98.

Ghaffar Khan was one of the last surviving legendary leaders of the subcontinent's "Quit India" movement.

Ghaffar Khan spent 16 years in jail for his leadership role in the non-violent struggle against British rule that brought independence to the subcontinent in 1947.

But unlike those who advocated partition of the subcontinent into Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, Khan called for the preservation of a single nation. He was labelled a "traitor" and a "foreign agent" by the Islamabad government.

After independence, he was imprisoned for a further 16 years and spent more than five years in self-exile for launching a



Ghaffar Khan: leader

movement into a political movement and held protests against British rule for which he was frequently imprisoned.

But a year later, he converted

independence leader and apostle of non-violence.

He was released in 1964 by Pakistan to travel to London for medical treatment. He later was granted political asylum in Afghanistan.

He never held public office in Pakistan, but the six-foot-three (1.9 metre) spiritual leader of the Pathans was known to them as "Badshah (King) Khan."

Because of Ghaffar Khan's politics before and after the partition of India and Pakistan, his son Abdul Wali Khan said his father spent "every third year of his life in jail."

Ghaffar Khan spent his last years in relative obscurity in Pakistan and was far more popular in India than in his native land.

In the spring of 1987, Ghaffar Khan was treated for three months at New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences as a guest of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and at the expense of the Indian government. After he was honoured with India's highest civilian award, he returned to Pakistan accompanied by several Indian ministers as a sign of respect.

On the other hand, Mubarak repeatedly assured his Arab hosts that the Israel treaty does not hinder Egypt's discharge of its commitments under the 1950 Arab Joint Defence Pact.

The only Arab leader with an embassy in Tel Aviv, Mubarak is in a unique position to do so.

No

Mubarak repeatedly was asked during the tour whether he planned diplomatic reprisals such as severing relations or recalling Egypt's ambassador or expelling Israel's.

His reply invariably was a firm but diplomatically couched no.

In the Saudi capital Riyadh, he said: "If breaking relations will solve the problem, well and good. But if it will complicate the problem, then we should use the mind God has given us ... It would not be practical."

"Israel would like me to sever relations with it today so it can have the United States all to itself. Frankly, we will not leave the field to Israel."

Nevertheless, Mubarak criticised Israel for harshness against protesters in the occupied territories, where at least 39 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops since Dec. 8.

He took Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to task for reneging on an agreement by his predecessor Shimon Peres, now Israel's Foreign Minister, to an international conference as a forum for negotiating peace with the Arabs.

Despite such criticism, however, Mubarak stuck to Egypt's peace-with-Israel policy. "There is no tension in relations (with Israel)," he told reporters in Bahrain's capital Manama.

He also said Egypt will feel free to buy anything Israel is selling if prices are competitive.

We had to speak out."

Another group, which makes handicrafts, is comprised of the wives of 27 union leaders who were kidnapped in 1981. Their goal is to find out what happened to their husbands.

Discouraged

Although the women are members of GAM, they have begun to distance themselves, saying they find more support in their own group.

The recent events have sparked a public outcry for an end to the violence. Other groups have joined the Mutual Support Group in demanding respect for human rights. Known by its Spanish acronym GAM, the group represents the family members of 2,000 people who have disappeared in Guatemala.

Unionists blame private business interests and the Army for the recent repression.

Army

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INF pact alone is of no great value: Sweden

Others say the extreme right-wing is conducting a destabilisation campaign in reaction to the law.

Amid this rise in violence, the government released a document that describes measures it has taken to improve the nation's human rights record. It says that 23 Army officials, 51 office personnel hired by the military, and 11 military commissioners employed in the countryside are currently undergoing trials for "diverse crimes committed in 1986."

"It is very important to note that the actual administration has applied the law to everyone and that Army officials are currently being tried," the document says.

Some of the cases include:

- The discovery of the bodies of two university students from Quetzaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city, with signs of torture. They were found a week after witnesses reported that unidentified gunmen kidnapped them.

● The disappearance of three peasants who work with the land-reform movement of Roman Catholic priest Andres Giron. The body of one later appeared with signs of torture.

● The shooting of two former police chiefs who worked in narcotics, two children of another ex-agent in Guatemala City, and a wealthy businessman.

Coincidence

The surge in violence coincides with an ongoing military offensive aimed at wiping out guerrilla forces. The conflict between the private sector and the government over a proposed tax increase, and the countdown for compliance with the Central American peace accord.

Both Ryzhkov prompted Scandinavians to question the Kremlin's commitment to openness by cancelling a television interview in Sweden after the screening of a programme on the history of anti-Russian feeling in the country.

Nonetheless, the surge in violence over the past three months has brought back fears and memories from the past. In its campaign against leftist

importance," Carlson told reporters.

"What the world hopes and expects is a 50 per cent cut in strategic-range weapons in the first half of 1988," he said.

Carlson said the aim of the six-nation initiative, which groups the leaders of Sweden, Argentina, India, Greece, Mexico and Tanzania, was to impress upon the superpowers that disarmament was a concern for all rather than a bilateral issue.

"That is why it is so important to see if we have a (disarmament) process going in the right direction. If INF is an isolated decision it will mean nothing. We still have the capacity to destroy civilisation several times over," he said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1606 — England's Parliament imposes severe penalties against Roman Catholics.

1732 — Russia gives up claims to certain Persian territories by treaty of Riasca.

1793 — France's King Louis XVI is beheaded.

1919 — Sinn Fein congress in Dublin, Ireland, adopts declaration of independence.

1924 — First nationalist Chinese Congress at Canton admits communists and welcomes Russian advisors.

1942 — German forces launch new offensive in western African desert in World War II.

1949 — Chiang Kai-Shek resigns China presidency following Nationalist Party reversals.

1954 — First atomic submarine, USS Nautilus, is launched in United States.

1968 — Britain draws up plans to withdraw its troops from Far East and Arabian Gulf.

1970 — France's sale of Mirage jet planes to Libya is announced; Iraq foils attempt to overthrow its government and promptly executes 12 men.

1974 — United States rejects South Vietnam's request for naval support in fighting with Chinese for Paracel Islands.

1986 — Auto packed with explosives blows up near office of President Amine Gemayel's Phalange Party in East Beirut, Lebanon, killing 22 people and wounding 102.

1987 — Irish Parliament is dissolved, setting stage for general election.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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By Firoze Rangoonwala

IN the Hindi film world, there's nothing like growing old gracefully. Age is especially painful in the actress, who can no longer play heroines and have no other alternative but to play mothers or aunts. The industry does not accept their solo starrers.

While the men have a good variety of roles, the women soon find themselves at a dead end, as no strong central characters are written for them. This is the way many talented actresses were thrown out prematurely or they themselves decided wisely to retire in time. Two such actresses currently facing the dilemma are Raakhee and Nutan.

Both have been popular charming heroines of their time. Nutan started her career in 1950 but Raakhee arrived in the '70s and not even that old, though her drinking habit has taken a toll of her appearance. Yet Raakhee has hidden reserves of talent and she can give touching performances if she is in the mood if given the right role. Now she is making her last bid banking on two films, *Falak* and *Mere Baad*. If they become popular, she will get an extended lease of her career, or else...

Falak (The Sky) directed by Shashikil Nair has Raakhee as a powerful mother figure who has struggled a lot in life. She is like a mother-superior of a colony of mill workers. When a rich industrialist buys the mill and wants to convert it into a housing complex, Raakhee tells him how her destiny was linked with it.

Once upon a time her husband worked there as a security guard. But the three partners of

Nutan, Raakhee make last bid for survival



Raakhee was highly praised but flopped at the box office. Raakhee with Sunny Deol in the film.

the mill had differences with him. The two villains Anupam Kher and Paresh Rawal liquidated the third partner and killed Raakhee's husband who caught them smuggling.

Raakhee brings up her two sons, Jackie Shroff and Mohan Bhandari, by slinging as a servant. Mohan turned out to be a good lawyer but Jackie who suffered more, becomes a

rebel and is also anti-social. He is often advised by the good hearted police officer Shekhar Kapoor and his son beloved Madhavi. He even takes an oath of non-violence. But Rawal's henchman, Kiran Kumar, provoked him so much as to break his vow. Jackie is jailed for murder. He also breaks his engagement to Madhavi.

When Jackie is released from jail, he sees Madhavi has married Shekhar and is the mother of his child. He decides to leave town with his mother. But he gets the news that brother Mohan is in the clutches of Kher and Rawal, while Mohan's girl Supriya has been murdered by them. Jackie rushes to the brother's rescue and is about to kill the villains when the mother stops him. Getting the chance Rawal kills Jackie, after which Raakhee picks up the revolver and destroys the evil men. When she narrates her life story, the industrialist decides to retain the mill.

Though *Falak* has other big stars and the story is hackneyed, there are many scenes in which Raakhee has scope to display her histrionics. Like Mother India she is torn between the good and the bad son. But then Raakhee's work was also over-praised in *Amma* and *Dacait* and yet the films flopped. The actress stands a better chance in *Mere Baad*. She plays a central character and no stars to compete with except Anupam Kher as her husband.

It is an Indian copy of the American weepy "Who Will Love My Children."

In *Mere Baad* directed by Vishwanath, which has been completed but not yet sold, Raakhee becomes a victim of breast cancer. Her husband Anupam loses his hands in an accident. The happy family with five children is almost ruined. The kids are given away for adoption to different families. But they are hollow socialites who may or may not care for the welfare of the children. When the kids occasionally come home to visit their unlucky parents, there is plenty of scope for all scenes. And Raakhee being an expert tear-jerker has a field day. However, her future hangs in the balance as distributors have not liked the film. Raakhee has wisely signed Subhash Ghai's *Ram Lakhan* playing the mother of Jackie Shroff and Anil Kapoor. She also has supporting roles in *Ilaka* and *Pyar Mohabbat*.

Nutan re-emerged with *Meri Jong Karna*. There was a time when she had refused to grow old and accepted only central roles bigger than those of heroines. But when such roles began to vanish, she surrendered to character roles, playing mothers. Nobody can deny her talent, proved in such memorable films as *Sujata*. But why should she insist on the young and glamorous image, even now, for some stage shows? She even refused to accept the best supporting actress awards.

Anyway, Nutan has stepped down and is acting even in TV serials, one being *Rakesh Chaudhary's Mujra Hazir*. The only consolation is that it will be later edited and released as a feature film. It is based on a Bengali novel by the author of

Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam. Nutan plays the role of Kaliganji-Ki-Bahu, who is victimised by a greedy landlord. Praising the character Nutan says: "I accepted it only because it is a challenging role with many shades and a wide range. She plays the Babu from the time she is very young till she

becomes an aged widow."

Now that there are awards for TV serials too, Nutan is obviously angling for a "Best Actress" title. But her film career is not exactly zooming. Heroes and heroines don't want her to steal the scenes. Moreover she insists on her name coming first in the cast.

She has roles in commercial films like *Hissaydar*, *Gargi*, *Sone Pe Suhaga* and untitled films of *Kalpataru* and *S. Bhakti*. Her son starred *Aasud Ki Khatir* but has not been sold.

Facing a somewhat similar fate is Asha Parekh, though she is not too keen on a career. Her *Maang Saja Do Meri* has not

been sold but she has got a good role in the multi-starred *Batwara*. Waheeda Rehman, Sharmin Tagore, Rehana Sultan have nearly given up the big screen saying there are hardly any character roles worth playing. How we wish the industry recognises and uses such talents going waste.



Raakhee hopes for an extended lease of her career. Above: Sohni, Anupam Kher and Raakhee in *Mere Baad*.

South-east belle Amala's first entry into Bombay's tinsel world was a non-starter. She performed the muthurat of Raj Bhattacharya's film with Chunky in a grand way, but it made no progress. It was only after producers saw private previews of *Pushpak* that she was signed for *Rajendra Kumar's Jurrat* and *Surendra Mohan's Teri Talash Mein*. But in Feroz Khan's *Dayawaan* she is a midway heroine; her name comes after Madhuri Dixit but before Anooradha Patel.

• Where does this leave Anooradha, who is senior than Amala in Hindi cinema? This grand-daughter of Ashok Kumar has failed to take off despite some good roles and

lots of work on TV. Somehow, she is not accepted as a heroine. Will she keep up the struggle or settle down to ironing Kanwaljeet's clothes?

• Of all the people, it was Manoj Kumar who was cribbing about giving roles to Hema Malini in his films, but when Hema produces her films she never gives her a chance. Manoj should know that Hema cannot take any more liabilities. If it is any consolation, Hema does not take her own husband, Dharmendra, in

before the cameras, doing supporting roles in commercial films or modelling for textiles in ad. films. Has he forgotten that he proved to be a totally flop actor in his early years and that is why he switched to direction? Directing films gave him more fame than being Shabana Azmi's boy friend.

• Most heroines hate rape scenes. Some like them for the sake of their careers. But Meenakshi Sheshadri was furious with the actor, Nana Patekar who tried to molest her for a scene in *Tadap*. Being a good actor, Nana tried to do full justice, to it, the more realistic he became the more angry was the heroine who started clawing him with her nails.

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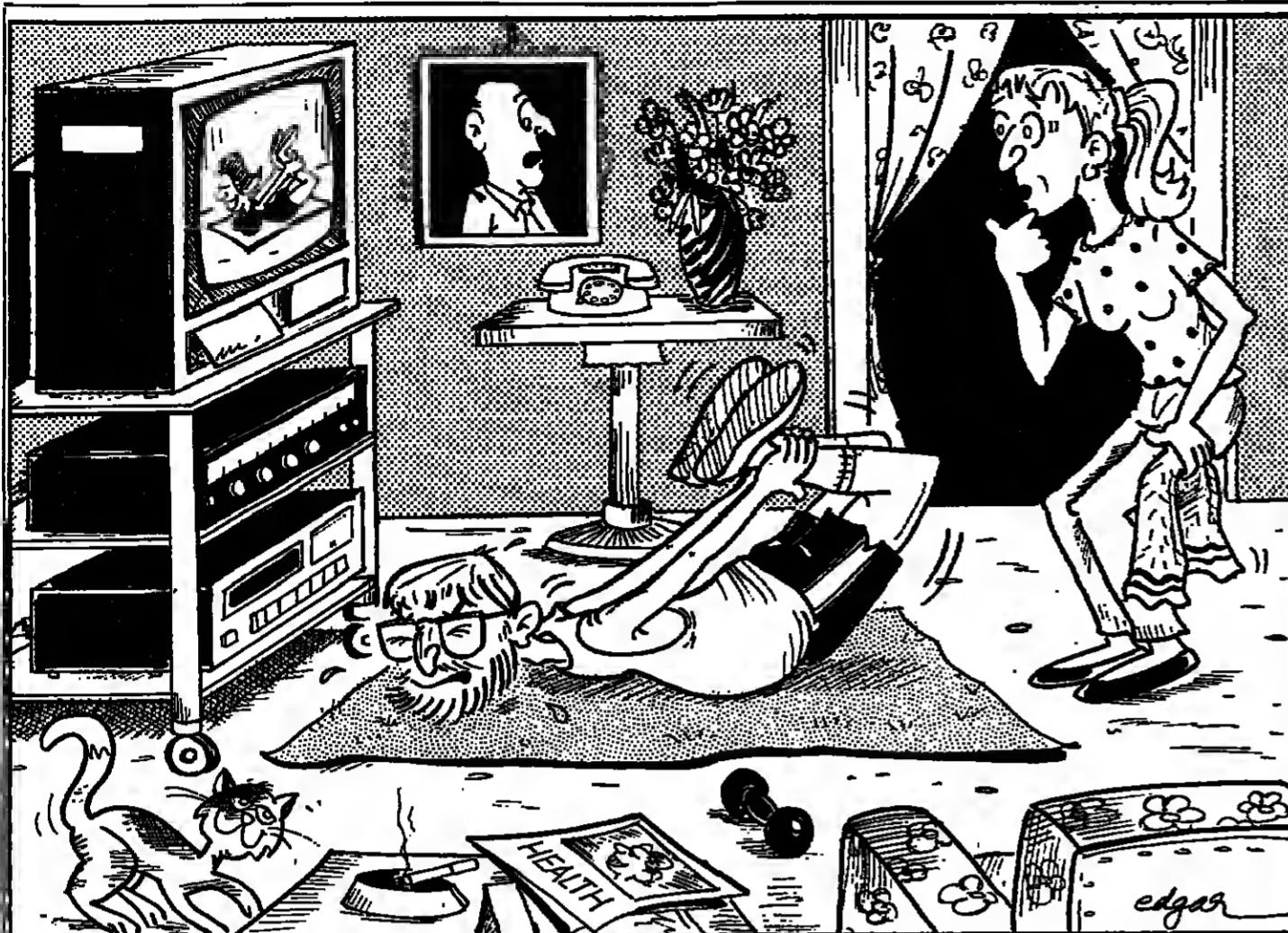
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HUMOUR



Fat and forty isn't fun

By Keith Wells

LATELY I have come to the ugly realisation that gravity is beginning to beat me. Parts that used to spring, now sag, sectors that once were full of bounce and vigor have started to droop, even wobble. I was never much of a muscle man, but recently I've noticed that my youthful scruff has turned to flab, even my hair is beginning to sneak away, tuft by tuft. Mortally staring me straight in the face and it doesn't much like what it sees. Time to take desperate measures, I decided, quit smoking, go on a diet and start taking violent exercises.

Funny how easy it is to decide something, isn't it? Take smoking for example. I've quit dozens of times, but a month or so later I have just one harmless little ciggy and the next thing I know I'm smoking away like an oil refinery again.

Exercise is even worse. I got one of those Jane Fonda tapes and nearly had a heart attack just watching it. That woman can scratch her tonsils with her toes! If ever a tape should be banned for the good of society it's that one. She twists herself about like a boneless chicken. I tried to follow along, bouncing up and down, but the trouble was that some bits were still bouncing down while the rest of me was bouncing up. I felt like a flesh juggler.

Then she started contorting herself on the floor, legs behind her ears, elbows under ankles, eyes looking at her own shoul-

der blades. I wriggled and writhed in a vain attempt to follow suit until something went CRICK and I felt a red hot pain in my lumbar.

By the time the wife managed to untangle me I was crippled. I'd seen parts of my own anatomy I hadn't even known were there, but the end result was I couldn't move for three days. They should re-name that tape, not 'Keep Fit with Jane,' but rather, 'Get Crippled With Keith.'

Puffing

So I lay in bed puffing away on my very last, honestly, ciggy, eating a large consolation portion of ice cream wondering what to do next to defeat the ageing process. The trouble as I see it is that when you've got the equipment you ain't got the knowledge, and by the time you acquire the knowledge the equipment's falling apart.

I think there's a basic flaw in the lifeplan of the human race. Surely it'd be much better if time sort of ran backwards so that you started out at the grave, coming to life just after the funeral. That way you'd always know who your real friends were for a start! You'd start out in life being old and wise and able to remember everything that was going to happen. It'd be marvellous, just think, if you got divorced you could console yourself with the fact that you'd soon fall in love again and get married.

When you lost all your money you could look forward to the time when you'd had it all. Then, after you'd paid your taxes you'd get them all back again. You'd never have to plan for the future since it would really

be the past, there'd never be any cause for regret, just patience to wait for things to right themselves again.

Ah well, I suppose we'll have to put up with the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, with flat and wrinkles and fading features. Sooner or later we all have to join the Crinkles, use a walking stick to fight off the gravity.

Then, when your life was entering its last fifteen years or so, you'd find yourself retreating into the comfortable bosom of your family, your father would take over the tiresome job of earning a living for you, but he wouldn't mind because you'd be getting cuter all the time, and he'd see his wife getting younger and more beautiful. Imagine the luxury of your last three years, everyone giving you birthday presents, not baving to bathe yourself. Mother looking after you every need, much the best sort of intensive care, until finally you sort of went plop slurp back into the womb and forgot about the whole thing. Bliss.

Radical

Trouble is, I don't know if we can get things changed. I mean, how do we go about such a radical re-organisation? I'm sure everyone would vote for it, given the chance, the benefits are so enormous. Just think, after you'd paid your taxes you'd get them all back again. You'd never have to plan for the future since it would really

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Where was I? Oh yes, that ice cream, and that last ciggy... well, last but one actually since I'm just having another while I try to figure you how to cut out my figure. I'm sure there's an easier way than all this torture. Can't somebody invent healthy cigarettes, chocolate cake that makes you slim and Diet Coca Cola that doesn't taste like Drano?

"GEORGE BUSH is making a mistake," Whiner told me.

"In what way?" I asked.

"By declaring he is not a wimp he's alienating the wimp vote in the country."

"So what?"

"He needs a lot of wimps to win the election."

"I didn't know there were many," I said.

"There are a lot more of us than there are of them," Whiner said. "And don't forget wimpy vote as a block."

"You'd think Bush's people would have researched it."

"By denying he is a wimp, Bush is sending out a message that there is something wrong with being one. That's what the wimpy people are crying about. The question we would like to put to the Vice-President is what's wrong with being one if it's how you feel?"

"I guess nothing if you don't flaunt it."

"There are some of us

The Art Buchwald Column

The wimp vote

who think Bush is a secret wimp and is afraid to come out of the closet."

"I don't believe that," I protested. "I think he honestly hates wimpy — perhaps it has something to do with his growing up in Texas."

"There are a lot of wimpy in Texas. We're all over the map, and when we get upset we can be a mighty force in deciding who our next President is going to be. If Bush thinks the macho voters are going to put him over the top without wimpy support he's crazy."

"What makes a person a wimp?" I asked.

"It's definitely genetic. It's passed down through the male side of the family. You can always spot a wimp because he whines

and cries a lot and continually loses at arm wrestling."

"Women don't like wimpy, do they?"

"They say they don't, but most of them marry one. Shere Hite, who just completed a sexual survey, says 93 per cent of all American women have slept with a wimp. Women prefer them because wimpy are afraid to yell at their mates."

"So by attacking wimpy Bush could lose the spouse vote as well?"

"It seems that way. No woman wants a President who doesn't remind her of her husband."

"Are you predicting the wimp factor will decide the 1988 election?"

"I believe so. The wimpy are sick and tired of being denigrated by politicians

and football fans, and we intend to introduce Wimp Power into the White House. By insisting he is not a wimp Bush is endorsing the prejudice that we have had to live with for years. We may be snivellers, but we have rights too."

"Suppose all the candidates ignore you. What will your people do?"

"Sit the election out. Wimpy don't have to vote unless they want to."

"It appears that Bush has a lot of apologising to do before he gets your support. What can he do to make it up to you?"

"I'd like him to go on television and say he respects wimpy and admires their way of life. He must come out for equal job opportunities and fair treatment for all wimpy. And finally, bush has to promise to appoint a wimp to the Supreme Court as soon as possible."

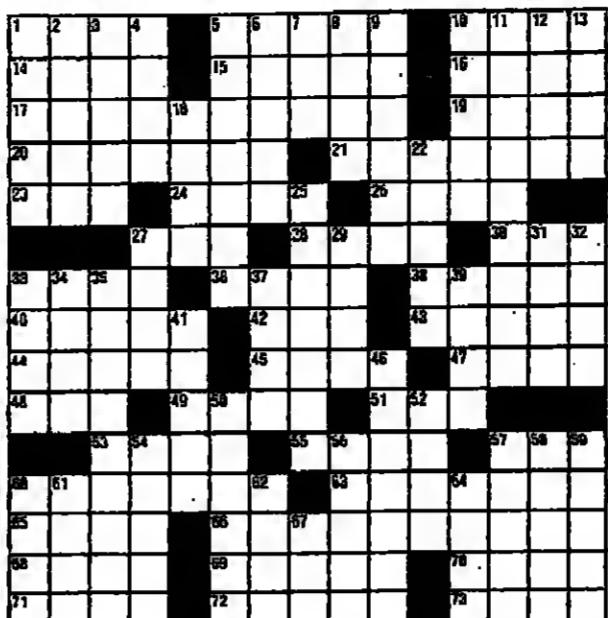
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

hold: ♦ 652 ♠ AK9765 ♦ 8 ♠ A63

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦ 76 ♠ 953 ♠ 1062 ♠ AKJ98

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦ 873 ♠ 952 ♠ 7632 ♠ Q82

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Dbl

Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦ 873 ♠ 952 ♠ 7632 ♠ Q82

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A ♠ AKQ173 ♠ 972 ♠ AK9

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦ AQ73 ♠ Q76 ♠ A102 ♠ Q83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The better influence of the Sun will help you to get your facts up to date and to revise your attitude. You should not do anything without sufficient good reason. Avoid making up your mind on the spur of the moment. Be benevolent.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will feel better than late and will accordingly be able to get more done. You will be able to seize hold of a good opportunity. You should try to ensure you do not overestimate yourself. Be forgiving.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Your mood will tend to be rather variable. The Sun's better influence will help you to cope with reality. There will be some moments of tension but you will be able to take them in your stride. Be tolerant.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should do a little less talking and a little more listening. You should not allow personal factors to obscure your objective judgement. Make sure you get enough sleep. Be prompt.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

There is no point in using force where persuasion has failed. You will be able to draw the right conclusions. You should make sure you avoid all kinds of exaggeration. Be frank.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should try not to have such an intense work programme, a little concentrating on somewhat less will have splendid results. You should try to ensure you do not overestimate your own abilities. Be objective.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

The Sun's influence will help you to give of your best. You will feel more energetic and less lethargic. You should keep your objectives clearly in mind: do not try to do much at once. Be lenient.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

At first you will not be in the best of moods, but later you will cheer up. You will be able to make good progress with a personal project. Do not allow your animosities to cloud your judgment. Be alert.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Particularly today you will have to beware of going on a spending spree. Make sure you get all the rest and sleep you need, but do not be lazy. You will have to deal with a rather nervous person but will be able to stay calm. Be resolute.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

North Yemen set to bring second oilfield on stream next month

BAHRAIN. Jan 20, (Reuter): North Yemen is set to bring a second oilfield on stream in February, to further boost its impoverished economy, just two months after joining the ranks of neighbouring oil exporters of the Arabian peninsula.

Oil industry sources in Sanaa said the country's second oilfield, Azal, is expected to start production next month with an initial output of around 20,000 barrels per day (bpd).

North Yemen, with a population approaching 9.5 million, has one of the world's lowest per capita incomes, estimated at around \$280 in 1986.

Azal field lies 15 km (nine miles) north of the Alif field, the first commercially developed oilfield in North Yemen, which now produces around 150,000 bpd.

Discovered

Oil was first discovered in North Yemen in 1984, by Yemen Hunt Oil, a subsidiary of Dallas-based Hunt Oil company. The country's oil reserves are estimated at one billion barrels.

It started exporting oil at a rate of 135,000 bpd last December and plans to raise this to 200,000 bpd by mid-1988, earning around \$700 million per year.

Oil flows from the inland Alif oil fields to the Red Sea coast through a 430 km (250 mile) pipeline. Work is in progress to connect Azal to Alif by a pipeline, oil industry sources said.

"The Azal oilfield is not fully developed yet. The output may well increase above 20,000 bpd as new production wells are drilled," a senior oil executive in Sanaa said.

Turkey's biggest bank freezes credits

ISTANBUL. Jan 20, (Reuter): Turkey's biggest bank, the state-owned TC Ziraat Bankasi AS, froze all new credits today and took action to identify bad debts, Anatolian news agency said.

The semi-official agency said Coskun Ulusoy, who took over as the bank's general manager on Monday, issued an internal memorandum seeking a comprehensive list of all loans of over 50 million lira (\$100,000).

He said he would not prolong payment terms or grace periods on debts and would not offer interest reductions to debtors who had fallen behind in repayments or interest payments on credits over 100 million lira (\$100,000).

Disbursed

No new credits, even those previously approved but not disbursed, would be issued, he said, and no new appointments would be made until further notice.

Ulusoy's appointment and action was part of a shake-up and modernisation of state banks after centre-right Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's victory in November's general election, bankers said.

Ziraat Bankasi, which had assets of 5.607 billion lira (then about \$9 billion) at the end of 1986, was regarded as a well-founded if old-fashioned bank, they said.

World borrowing drops sharply

PARIS. Jan 20, (Reuter): Total medium and long-term funds raised on world capital markets fell sharply last year, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said.

An \$29 billion total borrowing through bond issues, syndicated loans and other facilities was seven percent lower than in 1986, the OECD said in its latest monthly report.

"The contraction in borrowing activity was accompanied by a major shift in the relative importance of the instruments used in international financing, with a marked fall in bond offerings being partially offset by a rebound in syndicated bank lending," the report said.

Dropped

Borrowing on external bond markets dropped from \$228 billion in 1986 to \$177 billion in 1987—the first decline in issuing activity since 1980.

After stagnating at between \$60 and \$70 billion during the previous four years, borrowing on the syndicated credit markets rose by 345 percent to \$92 billion in 1987—a figure not far below the all-time high in 1982 of \$8 billion.

Huge US trade deficit, high surpluses in Japan and Bonn strain economy

Dollar's rough ride may not be over yet

LONDON. Jan 20, (Reuter): Things could still get rocky again for the dollar, economists say.

Money market dealers are one more worry that Americans are still importing more goods than they can really afford and spending more dollars to buy them than the world really wants to hold.

Last Friday, news of a sharp drop in the US trade deficit sent the dollar soaring. But yesterday's report of a December rise in Japan's trade surplus has soured the dealer's optimism.

Imbalances

"These imbalances are still pretty scary," said Sykes Wilford, an economist at investment bankers Drexel Burnham Lambert, in London.

Dealers in currencies and stocks, economists and investors all agree that the huge US trade deficit and stubbornly high surpluses in Japan and West Germany strain the global economy.

They strain political relations, too.

Politicians fear that either fewer dollars must flow through the world economy, which means a US recession, or more yen and marks must be printed. That means inflation.

Rates

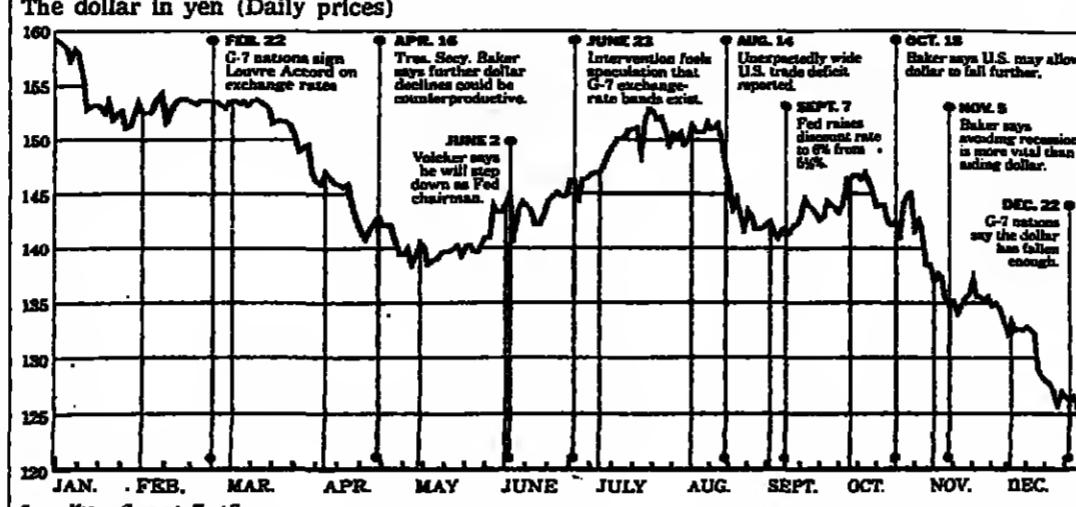
In a sense, economists say, politicians' arguments over exchange rates are arguments over who picks up the bill.

And, with so much at stake, few are ready to say markets will steady soon or that the dollar will maintain a rally.

"The imperialists used to have an answer," Wilford said. "They'd provide economic growth, military protection and extort the rest from their

The Dollar Sink to Record Lows in 1987, Despite a Midyear Rally

The dollar in yen (Daily prices)



Source: Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

Empires. The United States' problem is that it can't."

The United States has called on Japan and West Germany to boost their economies—a key element in international accords to stabilise currencies since last February's Louvre accord.

Faster Japanese and West German growth should mean more money to buy US goods to cut the trade deficit, and more to buy US Treasury bonds to help finance Washington's budget deficit, while keeping the world economy safe from a slump.

Policy

"One question is whether Japan's stimulation policy will reduce Japan's surplus and the US deficit without a massive exchange rate shock," Wilford said. "But stimulation won't work if it shows up just propping

Tokyo's overvalued equity market."

Meanwhile, the West German economy is expected to grow only between one and two percent this year after expanding 1.7 percent in 1987.

Jittery

"There are no significant fundamental reasons to purchase marks in favour of the dollar," said a dealer for US based bank's Frankfurt branch.

That slow growth is holding back West Germany's share and bond markets, and helps keep markets across Europe jittery—West Germany dominates the European economy.

Traders remain very nervous. Rumours of a US newspaper said that the trade figures were miscalculated knocked the dollar

down by 1.5 pfennigs and one yen today. No such report could be found.

"The euphoria after last Friday's US trade figures has all gone out of the market," said a senior currency dealer at a Swiss bank in Zurich.

The dollar soared last Friday, after the United States reported that its trade deficit fell to \$13.22 billion from a record 17.63 billion in October.

Keep falling

Dealers thought it meant the deficit was headed down—and would keep falling without any painful new government policies.

But then Japan said yesterday its December trade surplus jumped to \$3.6 billion from 4.74 billion in November.

"Operators are nervous. They

because of a scarcity of popular imported vehicles.

"Those charges are gone, so now consumers can see when prices increase," he said.

On Friday, Toyota Motor Corp became the latest Japanese automaker to increase prices, joining Honda Motor Co in raising sticker figures for the second time since the 1988 model year began in October.

Raised

Toyota raised prices an average 1.4 percent, or \$162 per car. The increase is in addition to rises announced when Toyota introduced its 1988 models. Before the 1988 model year began, Toyota had last increased prices in May.

Under another agreement, Adnoc, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, will supply the Spanish company with about 60,000 bpd of crude oil, he said.

Ipic, which was founded in 1984, has been keen to invest in foreign crude and petroleum product marketing outlets.

are not sure which way they should move because there has not yet been any strong evidence that the US trade deficit is actually improving," said one senior dealer at a Japanese bank.

Economists are somewhat less glum.

"The October figure was certainly abnormally bad, the November figure might well have been lucky," said Martin Weale, an economics fellow at Cambridge University.

"Depending on how you count it, whether payments are pushed up or back, you'd expect a good month to be followed by a good one," he said.

Statoil, in turn, has committed itself to a one-year exploration programme on the block, including seismic surveys and one well—with an option to drill further wells.

World Business Summary

Norway's Statoil wins China oil contract

OSLO. Jan 20, (Reuter): Norwegian state oil firm Statoil won oil exploration rights on a vast sector of the South China Sea today.

"We signed the agreement today (Wednesday) in Peking," spokesman Einar Bergh told Reuters. He said the signing ceremony coincided with Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's official visit this week to China. Statoil, Norway's biggest oil company and a pillar of the North Sea oil industry, has for several years advised China on how to develop its offshore activities.

China's oil has traditionally flowed from mainland fields, but foreign firms have been pumping oil in the South China Sea since the early 1980s. China has appointed Statoil operator on n 3,740 square kilometre (1,450 square miles) sector off Hainan island, splitting rights on the block equally with Statoil and the Chinese national offshore oil corporation, Bergh said.

Statoil, which opened a Peking office seven years ago, is already taking part in Yellow Sea drilling operations and holds a stake in a producing South China Sea field.

Weak dollar, oil glut cloud Gulf economic outlook

BAHRAIN. Jan 20, (Reuter): Gulf states registered little growth in 1987 and prospects for future recovery may be limited by the Iran-Iraq war, a weak dollar and oversupply on world oil markets, Gulf International Bank (GIB) said today.

The Bahrain-based bank's economist Henry Azzam said the strength of the recession was probably reached in 1986, but last year saw only a partial recovery in oil revenues and the region now seemed set for a period of flat economic development. A pick-up would become more visible in the early 1990s when world demand for Gulf oil could be expected to increase markedly, Azzam wrote in the bank's monthly economic report.

He said Gulf states would probably increase the proportion of oil they exported in the form of refined products, following Kuwait which ships up to 80 percent of its oil in this form. "This trend will allow the Gulf countries to have more control on the amount of oil they can sell on the world market," Azzam said.

GIB is the second largest bank based on Bahrain.

Last October's world-wide crash of stock markets probably depressed demand for oil in the short-term if the US and world economies slow, but it should still be possible to maintain prices at the \$18-a-barrel benchmark set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Azzam said the decline of the dollar had reduced the purchasing power of the Gulf region's oil revenues by some 50 percent since the start of 1985. That had increased the prices of non-dollar imports, squeezed profit margins for international contractors and exporters and had started to alter well-established trading patterns.

Hydrocarbon discovery

LONDON. Jan 20, (UPI): Britoil Pic confirmed today a significant hydrocarbon discovery in North Sea block 9/23B about 200 miles north of Aberdeen, Scotland. Well 9/23B-7 was drilled to a total depth of 6,015 ft, in the tertiary and encountered over 600 ft net of oil and gas bearing sands, Britoil said. Three separate intervals were tested. The first flowed at 5.325 barrels per day of 20 per cent API (American Petroleum Institute) oil. A chief executive for Britoil said the tests have confirmed the considerable potential in the tertiary in this block. It was estimated that the structures penetrated by these two wells contain approximately 200 million barrels of recoverable oil reserves and 600 billion cubic ft of recoverable gas reserves within block 9/23B.

There is additional potential in at least two other tertiary structures which lie in block 9/23B, Britoil said. Britoil believes this is to be the largest discovery in the North Sea for several years and for the company it is a very important addition to its successful ongoing exploration programme to increase its reserves and value of the company. A further well, 9/23B-8, was spudded to the south of 9/23B-7 on Jan 16, Britoil said.



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International Bond Highlights

London—General Motors Acceptance Corp is issuing a 200 mn dlr Eurobond due February 18, 1991 paying 8.34 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said.

Amsterdam—Nederlandse Middenstandsbank NV said it is launching a 300 mn guilder, 6.5 pct, seven-year bullet bond under its own management.

London—Nippon Sheet Glass Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mn dlr equity warrant Eurobond due February 16, 1993 paying an indicated five pct and priced at par, lead managers Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd and Dowa Europe Ltd said.

Taipei—Yuen Fong Paper Manufacturing Co Ltd announced a one billion yen Taiwan dollar convertible issue. The five-year bond is the first convertible in the country's history.

Pairs—The four billion French franc domestic issue being made by Credit Local De France will comprise a fixed rate bond of 2.5 billion and a floating rate issue of 1.5 billion francs, lead manager Credit Lyonnais said.

London—Optec Dai-ichi Denko Co Ltd is issuing a 70 mn dlr equity warrant Eurobond due February 17, 1993 paying an indicated five pct and priced at par, Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said as lead manager.

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-5/8 3/8	8-5/8 1/2	8-15/16 13/16
FFT	3.00/10	3.34/45	3.40/50
PAR	7-3/8 1/2	7-11/16 13/16	8-3/16 5/16
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	2 2-1/4
BRY	4.50	6-7/16 9/16	6-1/2 5/8
ROM	4-5/16 4-5/16	4-1/8 4-1/4	4-3/16 4-5/16
ANS	3.50/16	3.50/16	3.50/16
TOK	3.4375 5000	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375
ECU	5.93 6.18	6.18 6.31	6.43 6.56

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on yesterday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-3/16	4-11/16
3 months	4-3/4	5-1/4
6 months	4-15/16	5-3/4
1 year	5-1/4	5-3/4

BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GMFC	34	34	34	MODI ALKALI	5.50	--	--
ACC	169.50	170	168	GRAYON120	--	--	--	MARDACHM	--	--	--
AIRADAV	--	--	--	GSFC	113	11.50	115	ORKAT	27	26	26.50
AIRADAV600	--	--	--	GUJPETRO	24	23.50	24	PRAENAUT	27.50	27.50	27.50
ANDHRA CEM	10.25	10	10.25	HINDALCO	131	131.50	130.50	RATHNAMOL	92	91	92
ANDHRA VLY	146.25	--	--	HINDALCO	--	--	--	RELIANCE	107	104	108
BAJAJ AUTO	482.50	482.50	466.25	HYD LAMPS	--	--	--	IND ORG	21	20	20.50
BAR RAYON	160	160	155	IND ORG	54	53	53	STD MILLS	255	250	260
BOMBAK STOCK PRICES	120	120	119.75	INDRAYON	203.75	202.50	203.75	STD MEDICAL	15	--	--
BSE INDEX	453.64	--	--	INDRAYON	36.50	35	34.50	STEELTUBE	9.50	--	--
CENTURIASTP	685	685	685	ITC CO	--	--	--	TATA PHR	187.50	187.50	187.50
COLGATE	207.75	206.25	207.50	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	66	67	66
DEEPAKFERT	33.50	33	33.50	JKSYTH	62	61.50	62.50	TATADIL	86	84	85
DHCARMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	92.50	93	90	TELO	390	380	387.50
FICON ORG	--	--	--	NAGAHARD	--	--	--	UDAIPHOSPH	--	--	--
GARUPOLY	81	80.50	81	MAHINDRA	60	60	59	VOLTAS	272.50	267.50	267.50

FRANKFURT

	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1010	1030	NITSUB EL	556	564	--
AEG	175.0	181.0	AIJINMOTO	3240	3250	115	115	MITSUB EST	1840	1630	--
ALLIANZ VR	1170.0	1190.0	AKAI ELEC	500	469	510	510	MITSUB HVY	540	540	--
BADENWERK	172.5	174.0	AKCI	968	935	955	955	MITSUI CO	688	686	--
BASF	231.5	237.2	ASARI GAS	1700	1730	1450	1440	MITSUKOSHI	1440	1440	--
BAYER	249.0	256.0	ASAHI OPT	550	555	555	555	MITSUNI EL	920	930	--
BAYER VER	311.5	313.0	BANK TOKYO	1330	1330	1310	1310	NICHICON	750	749	--
BAYER	279.5	282.0	CANON	966	980	990	990	NIKKO SEC	1460	1500	--
BHF	285.0	294.0	CASIO COMP	1170	1170	1070	1070	NIP ELEC	2070	2080	--
BHM	478.0	499.0	CHUGAI MNG	0	1470	1470	1470	NIP KOKAN	277	283	--
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0	CITIZEN W	565	570	570	570	NIP OIL	1040	1030	--
COMMERZBK	202.5	210.2	O-ICHI KAN	2830	2850	2850	2850	NIP STEEL	375	379	--
CONTI GUMM	182.5	190.2	OAI NIP IK	740	737	737	737	NIP YUSEN	507	528	--
DAIMLER BEN	538.0	562.5	OAI NIP PT	2540	2540	2540	2540	NIS MOTOR	760	755	--
DEUTSC BANK	379.7	395.5	OAI NIP SC	910	910	910	910	NOMURA SEC	3000	2990	--
DLW	305.0	302.0	OAI NIP TO	469	450	450	450	OHBA CO	950	950	--
DRESNER E	220.5	226.0	DAICEL	792	760	760	760	OLYMPUS	999	1010	--
DT BARCOCK	140.0	142.2	OAI TAIWA H	1500*	1510*	1510*	1510*	PENTA OCN	772	772	--
FAT INDEX	405.0	412.0	OAIWA SEC	1990*	1990*	1990*	1990*	PIONEER	2740	2770	--
GOESHOFF	225.0	230.0	EISAI	2150	2150	2150	2150	RICOH	1250	1260	--
HARPER	395.0	396.0	FUJITSU	1460	1460	1460	1460	SANKYO	1970	1980	--
HESCHT AG	515.5	243.3	FUJI BANK	3080	3130	3130	3130	SAHYO ELEC	464	454	--
HORTEN	150.0	162.0	FUJI PHOTO	4000	4060	4060	4060	SEIYU ST	1700	1700	--
HUSSEL HLD	364.0	373.0	FUJISAWA	1900	1880	1880	1880	SEKISUI PB	1620	1620	--
KALI SALZ	115.0	117.5	FUJITA CP	640	647	647	647	SHARP	970	975	--
KARSTADT	351.0	347.0	HONDA MOT	1340	1350	1350	1350	SONY	4840	4950	--
KLAUCH	85.5	89.0	ISETAN	1260	1270	1270	1270	TOSHIBA	1490	1460	--
KLOCKE H	152.0	154.0	ITO YOKADO	3890	3900	3900	3900	TOTOK IND	730	736	--
LINDE	542.0	549.0	KIRIN BREW	2080	2090	2090	2090	TOTAK IND	730	736	--
LUFTHANSA	132.5	134.5	KOMATSU	601	600	600	600	TOSHIBA EL	690	687	--
MAN	143.7	150.0	KUBATO LTD	527	532	532	532	TOTO KKGT	405	406	--
HANESMAN	105.4	105.6	KYOCERA	5590	5660	5660	5660	TOTOTA MOT	1850	1890	--
HERCDES	437.5	454.5	MAKITA EL	1600	1590	1590	1590	TAMANA	901	910	--
METALLGES	205.5	203.0	MARU	2900	2910	2910	2910	TAMAITCHI	1480	1540	--
NIIDORF PF	519.0	528.0	MATSUTA EI	2290	2300	2300	2300	TANAHUCHI	1480	1540	--
NORSK HYD	40.00	41.00	MATSUTA EL	2280	2250	2250	2250	TANAKAZI	1410	1400	--
PHILIP KON	625.0	614.0	MEIJI SEIK	916	929	929	929	TANAKAZI	1410	1400	--
PORSCHE	415.0	423.0	THE NIKKEI	1410	1380						

Not so bright future predicted for Gulf economies

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (Kuna): A prominent Kuwaiti economist predicted a not so bright future for Gulf economies if the region's countries keep leaning on oil as a sole source of revenue, indicating that cash surpluses are on their way to peter out.

Lecturing at a seminar here last night, Jassim Khaled Al Sa'doun warned Gulf states that wailing on this problem is ill-advised since the declining oil reserves and cash assets could lead to dangerous possibilities both economically and politically.

However, he noted that time is not ripe yet to conduct some reforms with some reasonable amounts of sacrifice such as a study on a tax audit and a reassessment of public spending.

Al Sa'doun said, "it seems that our handling of oil did not have a tangible effect on our fate," adding, "the rest of the world paid better attention to it."

Economics

He noted that despite the powerful economies possessed by Opec — particularly the Gulf members of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE — "current indicators in handling oil do not give an impression of good future prospects in this respect."

The Kuwaiti economist tackled oil from its various aspects, effects, production and prices, comparing between the establishment of Opec in 1960 and the International Energy Agency in 1974.

He said that Opec came into being to defend the interests of its members, following the stump of oil prices in the '50s because major companies used cheap oil in rebuilding post-war Europe.

Prices

Meanwhile, he added, that the IEA was established when oil prices shot up sky-high between 1972 and 1974 to guarantee a continuous flow of low-priced oil to consumers.

Al Sa'doun said that, contrary to Opec's strategy which did not have any role in amending its spending of oil revenues in the '60s nor in the slight jump in prices in the '70s, the IEA took serious measures to get the maximum benefit out of the situation.

He cited that the IEA not only cut down its oil consumption from 5.7 per cent in 1975 to 50.2 per cent in 1985, but also shaved off a whole seven per cent of the oil contribution from the total energy consumed.

UK oil mission to visit Indonesia

JAKARTA, Jan 20, (Opecna): British Secretary of State for Energy Cecil Parkinson will visit Indonesia in May at the head of a 30-member delegation comprising representatives of the petroleum industry's various service sectors.

Alex Frederik, European representative of Pertamina, the Indonesian state oil company, said that during the visit a seminar would be held on Indonesia's oil and gas development.

According to Frederik, the two-day seminar was aimed at improving cooperation between Indonesian and British companies in the service sector of the Indonesian oil industry.

He said that British firms could play a bigger role in the development of Indonesia's oil and gas sector.

Mexico hit by stock market crash

Small Latin nations show big brothers how to grow

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan 20, (UPI): Latin American economies, although stumbling in the world slowdown, grew for the third straight year in 1987, with smaller nations showing the big brothers how to do it.

While giants Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico lost their handle on inflation and fell far short of growth targets, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Bolivia notched up overall economic performances ranging from good to very good through combinations of daring, expertise, patience and good luck.

Obstacles

Considering the obstacles — huge foreign debts, perennial political instability, change-resistant bureaucracies, and in some cases guerrilla warfare — the fact many Latin countries could prosper at all in 1987 was a major achievement.

Whether they can put in a repeat performance in 1988 is open to question.

It will depend on such imponderables overall world growth, political conditions, harvests, and ever-fluctuating prices of raw materials — oil, wheat, soybeans, coffee, copper — the chief exports of most Latin American countries.

Frankfurt, where West German stocks retreated because a weak dollar threatens to pinch export earnings.

Paris dealer said a 27-point drop on Wall Street yesterday and easier share prices in Tokyo today helped depress French stocks. The Paris 50-share bourse indicator was down 1.93 per cent in early trading.

Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Swiss stock markets eased.

Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei stock index closed slightly down, losing 55.03 points to end at 22,843.14.

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"Everyone is depressed again," said a share dealer in

\$1,7905 in London's morning, after last night's 1,7720.

Share prices in London were pulled lower today by a weaker dollar and lack of activity.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index closed 15.2 points down at 1,752.8.

Volume was a light 445.3 million shares, with the bulk of the trading conducted in the morning. Volume yesterday was 344.2 million shares.

The market opened weak on the back of falls in New York and Tokyn, and was further undermined as the dollar slid throughout the morning.

Down

A few large orders around lunchtime sent the 100-share index down further, and a weak opening in Wall Street sent it to its low for the day of 19.2 points down. Later in the afternoon, trading slowed in a virtual standstill and prices remained just above their lows.

The falling dollar especially hurt shares of companies with large international operations. Some domestic issues, primarily retailers, benefited as investors

shifted into shares without significant dollar exposure.

Traders said prices were also depressed by lack of news and activity.

British, which is fighting a take-over attempt from British Petroleum, announced that an independent study valued its assets at 699 pence a share, well above BP's 450 pence-a-share offer price.

British shares were trading at about 455 pence when the valuation was reported and closed at 473 pence, up 19 pence on the day.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 8.46 to 9,277.88 at 10.30 am EST (1530 GMT) in the first hour of trading.

Losers outnumbered gainers by more than 3 to 1 in the overall tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 238 up, 829 down and 396 unchanged.

Volume of the NYSE came to 29.87 million shares in the first half-hour.

The dollar lost ground today in foreign exchange markets around the world.

Gold prices firm

Dollar, stocks slip on new trade worries

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The dollar slid today as money markets worried that better-than-expected US trade figures last week may have given a false picture of America's economy.

Gold prices were firm. Shares eased in most centres — "there is little incentive to invest in this market at the moment. We're in a bit of limbo," a London share dealer said.

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'No extra money for health service'

UK reaffirms plans to boost spending

LONDON, Jan 20, (AP): Despite intense political pressure on the British government to increase spending on the national health service, the Treasury announced today that the amounts allocated for health in the next three fiscal years will remain as planned.

The government continues to plan to spend £20.7 billion on health and personal social services in 1988-89 vs £19.6 billion (£35.1 billion) in the current fiscal year, which ends on March 31.

Forecast

However, as a percentage of total spending, expenditure on health should rise to 14.1 per cent by 1990-91 from 13.1 per cent in the 1986-87 fiscal year, the Treasury said.

The forecast came in a detailed Treasury statement on public spending which elaborates on March 15. He is expected to

forecast made in November by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson. Overall spending figures are the same as the November statement.

The government has been under pressure recently from opposition leaders, doctors and nurses, to spend more on the country's national health service, which its critics claim is in a crisis due to shortage of funds.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has kept a tight grip on public spending since she came into power in 1979.

Revenue

The Treasury reaffirmed its plans to boost public spending in Britain by an average of 1.25 per cent annually in real terms over the next three fiscal years.

Lawson is to announce details of the revenue side of the budget on March 15. He is expected to

announce a further cut in taxes as a result of buoyant government revenues, resulting from higher-than-expected tax revenues and from privatisation proceeds.

This has infuriated some government critics who believe the extra revenue should be given to the health service rather than to the taxpayers.

Spending details also included:

As a proportion of Gross Domestic Product, public spending should fall from 42.5 per cent in the current fiscal year, ending March 31, 1988, to 41.25 per cent in the 1990-91 budget, the Treasury confirmed. The 1990-91 level would be the lowest proportion since 1972-73.

As previously announced, the public expenditure planning totals, a measure of expenditure that excludes debt interest payment, will rise 6 per cent in nominal terms to £156.8 billion elected in 1979.

(\$281 billion) in the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 1988, from an expected £147.3 billion (\$264 billion) in the current fiscal year.

The planning totals for 1989-90 and 1990-91 are £167.1 billion (\$299 billion) and £176.1 billion (\$315 billion), respectively.

Spending —

Spending on education and science will rise from 13.3 per cent of total spending to 13.7 per cent in the same period.

The proportion spent on law and order and on social security will also rise to the end of the decade. Social security will continue to account for around a third of total public spending.

The proportion spent on defence will fall slightly to 12.1 per cent by 1990-91. That follows the sharp increases in public spending on defense in the years since Mrs Thatcher's Conservative government was first

highlights

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Housing starts plunge

US consumer prices climb

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuter): US consumer prices rose a modest 0.1 per cent in December, giving an inflation rate for 1987 of 4.4 per cent, the Labour Department said today.

It was the highest annual inflation rate in six years. Prices rose by only 1.1 per cent in 1986, largely because of a slump in oil prices on world markets.

Excluding energy prices, inflation would have been 3.8 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent increase in December was smaller than the 0.2 per cent rise that economists had expected and followed a 0.3 per cent increase in November.

Construction

For the whole of 1987 construction began on 1,617 million homes, the lowest level since 1982, compared with 1,805 million in 1986.

In November housing starts rose a revised 6.6 per cent to an annual rate of 1.64 million. The government originally estimated that starts rose 7.5 per cent in November.

Commerce

Commerce Department officials said the drop in December housing starts was the steepest since a 2.6 per cent decline in March 1984.

The number of building permits issued, a barometer of future homebuilding activity, also fell sharply in December, by 8.8 per cent to an annual rate of

1.34 million, the government said.

Housing permits rose a revised 0.4 per cent in November.

Previously the department had said permits fell 0.7 per cent in November.

The 1987 total for permits was 1.54 million, down from 1.77 million in 1986 and the lowest total since 1982.

The housing industry has weakened slightly in the past two years as pent-up demand from potential buyers who were unable to afford a home because of high interest rates in the early 1980s has gradually been satisfied.

Sales

If the weakness persisted, it would run off on the entire economy because sales of electrical appliances, furniture and myriad other household items are directly linked to the strength of the housing industry.

Sanctions put coalminers out of work

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (UPI): An American and European embargo on coal imports from South Africa has put 3,000 blacks out of work and could cost another 10,000 their jobs by the end of the year, a mining official said today.

"South African exports hit by sanctions are forced to seek sales on the world spot market, which is notorious for ridiculously low prices," said Allen Cook, coal mining chief in the Chamber of Mines, an independent federation of mine owners.

Bigest

Coal is the country's second biggest export earner with foreign sales last year of over 3.1 billion rand (\$1.5 billion).

Gold sales last year totalled 17.2 billion rand (\$8.5 billion).

"Sanctions by the United States, Denmark and France

alone have cost South Africa exports of about nine million tonnes a year," cook told reporters in Johannesburg.

He said South Africa had found alternative markets for about half that amount.

"South Africa is still a world player ... but, for the moment, it is feared that redundancies may already have climbed to about 3,000.

Jobs

"We have to face the reality that perhaps another 10,000 mine workers will lose their jobs by the end of the year," he said.

Coal sanctions have been applied progressively over the past five years by France, the United States, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Coal exports rose steadily from 2.2 million tonnes in 1974 to a peak of 45.4 million tonnes in

high performance 35 HP tractor and is now poised to capture a substantial share of the 30 to 40 HP tractor segment which constitutes over 50 per cent of the Indian tractor market.

By acquiring a 10 to 15 per cent stake in the market, Eicher plans to achieve additional sales of 5000 to 7000 tractors annually. This would result in an increase in turnover by Rs 50 crores for the company over the next 2 to 3 years and thereby enhance profitability. The company also plans to begin work on a project for the manufacture of 45 to 50 HP tractors soon.

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JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Japan Week will be launched today with a traditional Japanese top-making and kite-flying demonstration at the Kuwait Science Club. Watch for pictures and a story in Tuesday's Junior Times about these exciting events.

This is also a good time for us to learn more about this leading technological country with its many traditions and vast natural beauty.

We hope you enjoy reading about Japan and the other articles and puzzles in today's Junior Times.

Aunt Barbara

Scary things

Under the bed
After saying goodnight
Getting stuck in a sweater
That's much too tight,
Getting lost at the fair
or the shops or the zoo,
Feeling something
With lots of legs
Crawling on you.

JAPAN is a beautiful country. It lies just off the eastern coast of Asia.

Japan is the first country to see the sun rise in the morning. That is why Japan is known as "the land of the rising sun."

Japan is a nation of islands. There are four large islands and more than 3,000 smaller ones. The large islands are Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu.

Tokyo

More than one hundred million people live in Japan. They live mainly in cities.

Tokyo is the largest city. It is on the island of Honshu. It has more than ten million people. It is one of the largest cities in the world.

The seacoast

Tokyo is also the capital of Japan. It is a very busy city.

Japan has thousands of miles of beautiful seacoast. In the fall, strong wind

and rain storms, called typhoons, cause heavy damage to coastal towns.

The mountains cover most of Japan's land.

Some of the mountains are volcanoes. The highest, named Mount Fuji, is a quiet volcano.

Japan also has many earthquakes. Most are weak, but a strong earthquake may cause great damage.

The people

The Japanese have learned to make buildings that can stand up to typhoons and earthquakes.

Japan has very old customs or rules. They are a part of everyday life.

The most important rules are about the family. Japanese young people are expected to respect their parents.

It is very common in Japan for three generations — grandparents, parents, and children — to live together in the same house. The grandparents are loved and respected.

Today Japan is changing. The old rules are not always followed. But most Japanese people combine the best of the old ways with the best of the new.

Homes

On a farm the whole family works together.

In the city the father may go to work. The mother may work, too, or she may stay home to care for young children.

Food

Most Japanese food is fried, boiled or broiled.

Pieces of fish, chicken, pork, or beef are often cooked with vegetables in soy sauce.

Japanese is not hard to speak.

But Japanese is very hard to write. Each word is written in a special way.

There are thousands of words and thousands of characters and letters to be learned.

of every meal

Education is free in Japan. Starting at age six every child must attend six years of primary school and three years of junior high school.

Most students go on to three years of high school. Good students can go to four years of college or university.

Education is very important. The students work hard. They know that a good education leads to a good job in Japan.

In school Japanese children learn to read and write Japanese.

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Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



Let's cook

Cheese and potato pie

Ingredients (for 4 people).

Large packet of instant potato (500 ml or 1 pint size).

6 rounded table spoons (150 g or 6 oz) grated Cheddar cheese.

1 tomato

25g (1 oz) margarine

Equipment

Ovenproof serving dish

Mixing bowl

Sharp knife

Table knife

Fork

Pan

1. Put oven at Gas Mark

(electricity 350°F/180°C).

2. Measure 500 ml (1 pint) of water, pour into pan. Place on cooker and bring to boil.

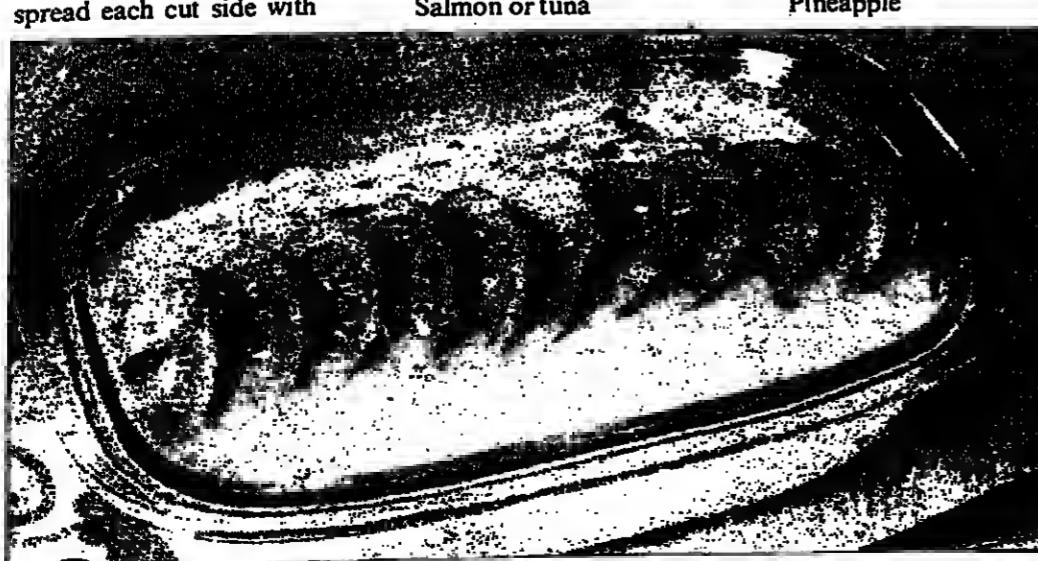
3. Put instant potato in mixing bowl, with margarine. When water boils, carefully pour it onto potato powder, then mix with fork.

4. Add 4 tablespoonfuls of grated cheese to the potato and mix well. Place potato mixture in serving dish and smooth top with knife.

5. Sprinkle on remaining cheese. Place pie in oven for 20 minutes. (If pie is required at once, however,



mixed with a little mayonnaise
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Raisins
Halved grapes
Orange slices
Pineapple

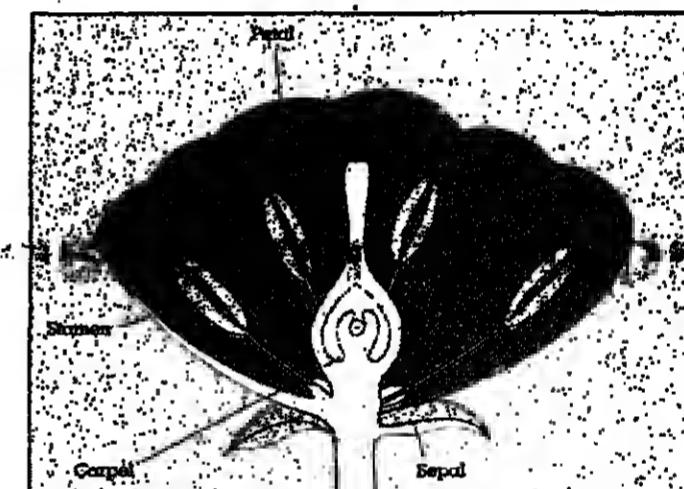


Pollination

THERE are four parts to most flowers, arranged one inside the other. These are the sepals, the petals, the stamens and the carpels.

The sepals protected the flower while it was a young bud. Many petals are brightly coloured, to attract insects to the flower. Many flowers also have lovely scents so that bees and other insects will notice them and come to them.

The stamens make a yellow dust called pollen. If you shake a ripe flower, little clouds of pollen come off. When some pollen from the same kind of flower settles on the carpels, the carpels start to



grow. Sometimes the pollen is carried to the carpels by bees and other kinds of insects. Some times the pollen is carried by the wind. Catkins have their pollen carried by the wind.

Science corner

When the pollen settle on the carpels, the carpel grows to form a fruit. Some fruits contain just one seed. Other fruits contain many seeds.

The wax produced by bees is used in making honeycombs consisting of six-sided cells into each of which the queen bee lays an egg that will eventually give birth to an insect. Other cells in the honeycomb act as storage places for honey.

The honey is nectar from flowers which has been gathered, concentrated and digested by the bees. The honey still has the scent of the flowers where the bees first found it.

Insults

1. Beau Brummell, encountering the Prince Regent and a companion out for a stroll in London made what scathing enquiry of the companion?

2. Who described Algernon Charles Swinburne as "sitting in a sewer and adding to it"?

3. What did Samuel Johnson have to say about the letters of Lord Chesterfield?

4. "The same old sausage, fizzing and sputtering in his own grease" was whose opinion of Thomas Carlyle?

5. Walking down Piccadilly one day, the Duke of Wellington was addressed by a stranger who said, "Mr Brown, I believe?" What was the Iron Duke's reply?

6. How did Winston Churchill handle Lady Astor when she said, "If you were my husband, I'd poison your coffee"?

7. George Bernard Shaw received this invitation from a celebrity huntress: "Lady X will be at home, Thursday between four and six." He returned the card, having written what on it?

8. When they were leaving by the same door, Clare Boothe waved Dorothy Parker ahead, saying, "Age before beauty." Miss Parker swept through with what rejoinder?

9. Who is reputed to have said, "I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception"?

10. In which fashion is Churchill supposed to have knifed Clement Attlee when someone observed that he was a very modest man?

Answers: 1. "Who's your fat friend?" 2. Thomas Carlyle. 3. The famous letters, Johnson found, teach the morals of a whore and the manners of a dancing master". 4. Henry James. 5. "Sir, if you believe that, you'll believe anything." 6. "And if I were your husband, I should drink it." 7. "So will Mr Bernard Shaw." 8. "Pearls before swine." 9. Groucho Marx. 10. Churchill is said to have agreed, adding, "He has a great deal to be modest about."

Search for the bad guys

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

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CAD FELON ROWDY
CASTAWAY OUTLAW KNAVE
CONVICT GANGSTER SCAMP
GUNMAN PRODIGAL SINNER
DELINQUENT RASCAL THIEF
TRAITOR

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O	G	A	L	N	Z	O	T	L	I	P	S	N
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P	H	L	J	Y	B	R	Q	N	F	T	V	C

Firsts and lasts

The last of the "Seven Wonders of the World" to be built was the Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria in Egypt. It was completed in 280 BC and was a staggering 138 m high — or the height of a block of flats with 35 storeys.

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SPORTS

Pat Pack reunited at Open

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20, (Reuter): The "Pat Pack" have reunited for the first time since Wimbledon.

The three men and a woman embraced by Pat Cash after his victory climb through the crowds at Wimbledon last July have combined in Melbourne to plot his Australian Open campaign.

"We are all about that vital edge," said coach Ian Barclay in a telephone interview before Friday's semifinal between Cash and the man he beat in the Wimbledoon final, world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

The difference between the top guys on the circuit may be as little as a couple of points over 3 1/2 hours of tennis.

Care

"If there is the chance you can get an extra half a per cent then you have to dive into it. We are always looking around for something to give us that edge."

While Barclay refines Cash's tennis skills, physiotherapist Ann Quinn and psychologist Jeff Bond fine-tune the body and mind respectively of the 22-year-old Australian. Pat Cash senior acts as manager to his son.

"If someone is about being professional in a sport like tennis then they have to take care of every little detail," said Quinn, who has known Cash since he was 15.

"Pat is so dedicated it's incredible. He amazed me with his will to work before Wimbledon and, if anything, that has increased since."

"I put him through a series of tests about four weeks ago and he set new standards yet again. There is no doubt he is stronger, faster and fitter than at Wimbledon."

Bond said the Wimbledon victory has increased the importance of psychology in Cash's preparations.

Clawing

"There is one method of psychology to use when a guy is clawing his way to the top and another for the person who is there," Bond said.

"We recognised we still had things to work on after Wimbledon, in the main the added pressure of other people's expectations and the extra calls on

Pat's time because of his win."

"What we work on is concentration, manipulating certain things on court. It's a matter of controlling things to get into a rhythm, the tempo of dominating the opponent."

"Pat continues to get better and better at that," Bond said by telephone.

Barclay said his pupil's on-court skills had also improved.

"I'm a perfectionist and so is he. We both strive to do better," said the 50-year-old Melbourne-based coach.

"I firmly believe the best is still to come from Pat. He's 22 years old but only 20 as far as tennis is concerned because of all the time he's been sidelined with injury."

Cash spent almost eight months in the tennis wilderness during 1984 after severely damaging muscles in his back.

Quinn, like Barclay, believes Cash's preparation has been faultless. Being at home has helped his build-up as he can concentrate solely on the match in hand.

"Because he's at home he has access to every facility he needs," Quinn said.

Aspirations

Cash would dearly love to win the first Open staged at the new multi-million-dollar National Tennis Centre.

Yet defeat here would not be the end of the world. Cash and his mentors have other aspirations, among them a desire to see him at the top of the world tennis tree.

Tyson could hurt Holmes, says former trainer

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Jan. 20, (AP): Larry Holmes' will to win could result in a bad beating by Mike Tyson, says Eddie Futch, who trained the former heavyweight champion for 12 title-fights.

"Tyson has the style and strength that could make it hard for Larry to avoid getting badly beaten and possibly hurt," Futch said by telephone yesterday from his Nevada home. "I don't feel good about the fight."

Advised

Tyson the 21-year-old undisputed heavyweight champion, is an 8-to-1 favourite to beat Holmes, 37, in their scheduled 12-round fight Friday night in Atlantic City.

"Larry has pride," Futch said. "He will go in there and do his best. Larry is not afraid of anybody, but I feel he doesn't have the physical capabilities at this stage of his career. I advised Larry more than a year ago not to take another fight."

"At his point in his career I have to see him in there, that's

WILANDER OUTCLASSES JARRYD FOR SEMIFINALS

Edberg struggles past Chesnokov

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20, (Reuter): Defending champion Stefan Edberg moved a step nearer a third straight Australian Open crown but emerged shaken after a quarterfinal win over Soviet player Andrei Chesnokov today.

Edberg, the second seed, battled hard to defeat the tenacious Chesnokov 4-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 6-4 in a two-hour, 50 minute thriller. In Friday's semifinals he will meet third-seeded fellow-Swede Mats Wilander, who beat yet another compatriot, Andrs Jarryd, 7-6 6-2 6-3 today.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl faces Wimbledo champion Pat Cash, seeded four, in the other men's semifinal. They both qualified yesterday.

Flashy

For almost two sets Edberg, 22 yesterday, seemed a likely victim of the flashy forehand and double-barrelled backhand of Chesnokov, who looked out of place in the space-age courtroom with his haggard shorts and endorsement-free shirt.

But the world's number two rallied from the brink to edge past the unseeded Chesnokov, ranked 35th on the computer.

The turning point of the match came in the tiebreak of the second set when the umpire overruled a line judge who called an Edberg backhand out at 5-5.

Had the call stood it would have given the Soviet set point for a 2-0 lead. The point was



Edberg: had a tough time

replayed, Edberg won it to gain set point and then clinched the set on his first service point.

"I thought it was out," said Chesnokov afterwards. "But the umpire said it was in and it was not possible to argue. It makes a big difference, 6-5 instead of 5-6."

Edberg, who is seeking to join Jack Crawford and Roy Emerson as the winner of three straight Open singles crowns,

admitted afterwards he had been lucky to escape with a win.

"I had to fight very hard. He gave me a lot of trouble all the way," Edberg said.

"I was not laying my best but at least I fought hard. I will have to lift my game another level against Mats."

Wilander had earlier beaten Jarryd in a quarterfinal match that was as dour as the other was gripping.

Wilander, winner of the 1983-84 Opens, took the two-hour-41-minute battle of the baseliners through steadiness rather than flair.

But he still poses a big problem for Edberg, who has been below form from the start of the tournament. Edberg is the only men's semifinalist to have lost a set — he has lost two — in this tournament.

Edberg started slowly against Chesnokov. His serve, his biggest weapon, had all but deserted him — he was footfaulted seven times in the match — and his volleying was out of touch.

But by the start of the third set he had begun to find his rhythm. A break for a 5-4 lead in the third left him serving for a 2-1 advantage and another in the first game of the fourth effectively ended Chesnokov's charge.

"I have basically been struggling for two weeks," said Edberg. "I have to work harder than I am used to. It's more mental and I have to believe more in myself."

"At 2-0 in the second set I said to myself, 'What the hell am I doing, at least work.'

"I did and I felt afterwards I had done a good job out there," he said.

The women's semifinals are tomorrow with top-seeded Steffi Graf facing fellow-West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Martina Navratilova taking on perennial rival Chris Evert.

This morning Britoo Andrew Castle and American Roberto Saad combined to win the longest match in the history of the Australian Open in the men's doubles quarterfinals.

Their five-set heart-stopper against Canadians Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata, which included three tiebreaks and a final set of 36 games, lasted five hours 10 minutes on court oce. Castle and Saad won 6-7 7-6 6-7 6-3 19-17.

The previous longest match on record was four hours 51 minutes set by Yannick Noah and American Roger Smith earlier this tournament in a first round matches, 6-1 16-14 by the Frenchman in the set.

Fault

Three times to the final set, Castle served for the match only to lose his serve.

At 18-17, 30-30, Saad served a fault on his first serve and was then footfaulted by a line judge on his second.

But the umpire overruled the call, saying it had been made before Saad had hit the ball.

The umpire awarded him two further serves. Saad served another fault with his first but the American/British combination won the point off the second serve.

They won the next point, the first matchpoint of the quarterfinal, to earn a semifinal clash against Briton Jeremy Bates and Swede Peter Lundgren.

League rule change blow for Maxwell

LONDON, Jan. 20, (Reuter): Watford's future as an English League soccer side may be put at risk if multi-millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell reopens negotiations to buy the club without first selling off his interests in Derby and Oxford.

Maxwell was warned about the possible consequences of pursuing his bid for the 92 per cent shareholding of Watford's rock star owner Elton John after the League tightened its rules in London yesterday.

An extraordinary general meeting of League chairmen approved the strengthening of its one man, one club rule.

It made it clear that if Maxwell went ahead and tried to buy John's stake in Watford without first severing his financial links with Derby and Oxford, they would consider expelling the First Division club.

Asked about the North's co-hosting demand, Park said it was against the charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and he did not expect any change. The IOC has offered to let North Korea stage five Olympic events if it drops the co-host demand and take part in the Games in Seoul.

Moses to compete in Olympic trials

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20, (AP): Dominique Wilkins scored 41 points, including an omni-record 24 in the first quarter, to power the Atlanta Hawks to a 106-94 triumph over the Chicago Bulls last night. Michael Jordan had 38 points in a losing effort.

The Hawks have now won 16 of 17 home games, their only loss on Nov. 10 to the Bulls.

Wilkins' first-period scoring spree broke the omni record of 22 points set by Atlanta's John Drew and led by Bob McAdoo of Buffalo.

Indy-car racing

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20, (AP): Teo Fabi, former Indianapolis motor speedway record-holder and Rookie of the Year, will return to Indy-car racing this season after more than three years on the Formula One circuit.

Fabi, 32, a native of Milan, Italy, will drive the 15-race championship auto racing teams series for Quaker State Porsche, beginning in April at Phoenix.

Results

Atlanta	106	Chicago	94
San Antonio	110	Milwaukee	104
Houston	107	Sacramento	194
Dallas	120	Portland	116

Spurs 110, Bucks 104

In San Antonio, Frank Brzowski scored seven of his 26 points in the final two minutes as the San Antonio Spurs came from behind to defeat Milwaukee 110-104. The Bucks led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter before the Spurs pulled within 101-98.

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Houston 107 Sacramento 194

Dallas 120 Portland 116

The 32-year-old Moses set a world record of 47.02 seconds for the 400-meter hurdles Aug. 28, 1983. He won that event in both the 1976 and 1984 Olympics and had an unbeaten string of 107 straight finals snapped last June in Madrid.

32-year-old Moses

would sever all connections with soccer if he was prevented from buying Watford, while Derby have threatened legal action if Maxwell is forced to leave from them.

Maxwell previously stated he would stay at the club, its supporters, its players, and the town of Watford.

But the League had wisely refused to proceed with an original intention to make the ruling retrospective. That would have been "illegal and unfair," he said.

He would stay as chairman of Derby with his son remaining in charge at Oxford.

Luton move into semifinal

LUTON, England, Jan. 20, (AP): Second half goals by Steve Foster and Mick Harford sent Luton Town into the semifinal of the Littlewoods Soccer Cup yesterday as the First Division side downed Second Division Bradford City 2-0.

Foster scored from a free kick in the 56th minute after a blunder inside his area by Bradford goalkeeper Paul Tomlison, who picked the ball up twice without it being touched by another player.

Harford added the second in the 54th minute.

Last season, Luton was banned from the competition for refusing to allow away fans to its Kenilworth ground as a measure against crowd violence.

Some 2,000 Bradford fans attended the match.

Danish striker

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 20, (Reuter): Danish international striker Preben Elkjaer Larsen could move to Argentina's River Plate in a deal taking winger Claudio Caniggia to Vrorna; an official from the Italian soccer club said Tuesday.

McEnroe must qualify for Seoul Olympics

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20, (Reuter): American John McEnroe will have to qualify to play at the Seoul Olympics while Hana Mandlikova, an Australian citizen since January 1, will not compete despite being named to play for Czechoslovakia, her former homeland.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced its direct acceptance today, adding that Tim Mayotte, ranked one place above McEnroe at number nine in the world, would be the only American not required to qualify for the Games, the first for 64 years where medals will be awarded for tennis.

Named

The fiery McEnroe, who has not competed for over two months following suspension, is named as one of 27 players from North and South America who will play for six qualifying places in the 64-man draw.

In the unlikely event that he did not qualify, the ITF could grant him one of eight wild cards for the men's tournament.

Among the 32 players directly accepted are Wimbledo champion Pat Cash of Australia, ex-champion Boris Becker of West Germany and Sweden Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander.

World number one Steffi Graf of West Germany, who won the demonstration event at the 1984 Olympics, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini and Mandlikova gain direct acceptance to the 48-strong draw for the women's singles.

Mandlikova told journalists later she had been dominated by the Czechoslovak federation without her permission and would not represent Czechoslovakia at the Olympics.

She has stated recently she wanted to play for Australia in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, but had not indicated her plans for the 19

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Drugs scandal

OSLO, Jan 20, (Reuter): A drugs scandal in the world of international speed-skating has drawn police into a criminal investigation of whether Soviet star Nikolai Gulyayev smuggled steroid tablets illegally into Norway.

Two-year ban

GENEVA, Jan 20, (Reuter): Swiss athlete Sandra Gasser is expected to ask the Bern civil court to extend an injunction lifting a two-year ban imposed by the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), for drug taking, one of her lawyers said today.

Games bid

ATHENS, Jan 20, (Reuter): Athens mayor Miltiades Evert warned today that the Greek capital, plagued by smog and inadequate transport, would not win its bid for the 1996 golden Olympic Games unless major work was speeded up in a \$4 billion programme.

Bout delayed

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Jan 20, (AP): A rib injury suffered by Leon Spinks has caused a three-week delay in the former heavyweight champion's bout with Randall "Tex" Cobb, fight officials say.

Barcelona coach

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 20, (Reuter): Barcelona soccer coach Luis Aragones is suffering from nervous exhaustion, club doctor Carles Besit said yesterday. Besit said Aragones, who has had to give up coaching in the past because of depression, should be better in about two weeks.

American boxer

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan 20, (AP): American light-welterweight boxer Tim Burgess, ranked No 16 by the World Boxing Council, was cheered out of the ring despite losing a narrow points decision yesterday to hometown favourite Lloyd Christie, the British titlist.

Lynch barred

BERN, Switzerland, Jan 20, (AP): US Nordic Combined specialist Kerry Lynch was barred from international competition for at least the rest of the year after admitting he practiced blood doping at the last World Championship, the International Ski Federation (FIS) said yesterday.

Hoogovens chess

WIJK-AAN-ZEE, Netherlands, Jan 20, (AP): Bulgarian grandmaster Kiril Georgiev was the only competitor in the field of 14 to score a victory in ninth-round play at the Hoogovens chess tournament yesterday.

Winter Games

INNSBRUCK, Austria, Jan 20, (AP): Austria garnered four golds and the United States three in downhill skiing while Scandinavian athletes dominated Nordic skiing yesterday at the fourth World Winter Games for the disabled.

Moroccan Open

VIRGINIA WATER, England, Jan 20, (AP): The Moroccan Open has been switched from the first week in March to the autumn portion of the PGA European Tour schedule, officials said today.

NHL Games

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (Reuter): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

Washington	6	New Jersey	4
Edmonton	4	Quebec	4
Pittsburgh	6	New York	4
Winnipeg	3	St Louis	5
Hartford	6	Minnesota	5
Calgary	7	Vancouver	5
Los Angeles	6	New York	3

England draw with Wellington

WELLINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuter): England drew with Wellington in the first match of their New Zealand tour, shortened to two days after both sides agreed to play a one-day game tomorrow.

England scored 310 for three wickets after Wellington declared at its Monday overnight total of 188 for six.

Rain washed out play yesterday and it had been decided to play the third day tomorrow. But

the two sides later agreed to a one-day match of 50 overs instead.

A century to England's Chris Broad who retired hurt and an opening stand of 171 were the highlights of the final day.

Wellington's howling attack lacked real penetration, allowing Broad and his partner Martyn Moxon to bat for one-and-a-half sessions.

Scoreboard

WELLINGTON 188 for six wicks-

ets declared.
ENGLAND
C. Broad retired hurt 100
B. Athey c b Williams 14
M. Gatting b Millnow 82
N. Fairbrother not out 22
D. Capel not out 19
Extras (w-1, hb-5, nb-5) 11
Total (for three wickets) 310
Fall of wickets: 1-171, 2-191, 2-281.
Bowling: Cederwall 10-1-36-1, Chatfield 10-3-26-2 (1w), Watson 10-1-49-1 (1b, 2w), Millnow 16-2-65-0 (nb-4, w-1), Millnow 16-3-41-1 (nb-1), Maguire 14-4-38-0, Larsen 8-2-37-0, Ormiston 20-1-74-0. Williams 21-8-41-2, Rohrs 2-0-9-0.

Marsh's century sets up Australian victory

SYDNEY, Jan 20, (Reuter): Australian vice-captain Geoff Marsh made a timely return to form today when his fifth one-day international cricket century set up an easy 78-run win over New Zealand in the final World Series Cup group match.

Marsh, who has had an indifferent season, scored 101 and batted for all but three minutes in Australia's innings of 221 for eight before a sell-out crowd of nearly 42,000 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Advantage

New Zealand — who rested Richard Hadlee, Martin Crowe and John Wright — never looked like reaching their target and could make only 143 off 44.5 overs.

Marsh took full advantage of the absence of strike bowler Hadlee, hitting five fours as well as running a five. Six other batsmen got to double figures but the next highest score was only cap-

KUWAIT'S FAKHER AND KHALED REACH LAST 16

Jahangir routs Fares in opener

JAHANGIR Khan of Pakistan showed that he was in a class of his own when he crushed Iraq's Fares Baghdadi in straight sets in 12 minutes to reach the last 16 of the 4th Asian Squash Championship, which started in Kuwait yesterday.

Kuwait's Fakher Al Sayed and Khaled Al Subaie also joined Jahangir in the last 16 after winning their first and second round games. Jahangir had a bye in the first round.

Fight

Jahangir, the world No. 2, seemed to take things easy as he knew that his Iraqi opponent could not put up a fight. He dropped only one point in the first set which he won in only four minutes.

Fares was, however, able to take two points in the second set which ended in five minutes but Jahangir rushed through the last set in only three minutes to win 9-1, 9-2, 9-0.

Fakher showed that he has the potential to be among the top players by thrashing Tariq of Lebanon, 9-1, 9-0, 9-1 in the first round.

After resting only for a short while, Fakher repeated the same performance in the second round. He executed excellent drop shots and kept Sri Lankan A.S. Siva on the run throughout



Shaikh Fahd, the president of the Kuwait Squash Federation, delivers a speech during the opening ceremony.



Jahangir (right) with Kuwait's Tariq Al Uwais before the former's match.



Jahangir walks for his opponent to join him on the court.

Khaled Al Subairi (Kuwait) bt Ali Al Diwani (Bahrain) and Maqsood Ahmad (Pakistan) bt Yang (Singapore), Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) bt Qurum (Iraq), Pandole (India) bt Jassim Al Hamad (Kuwait), Antony Chua (Singapore) bt Khaled Al Subairi (Kuwait) bt King (Hong Kong), Ali Al Diwani (Bahrain) bt Tareq Al Uwais (Jordan), and Yang (Singapore) defeated (Darwish) Iraq.

Second-round matches:

Heng (Singapore) bt Salem Al Uwais (Kuwait), Gurubham (Malaysia) bt Tareq Al Uwais (Jordan), Zainal Abidin (Malaysia) bt Ali Choudhury (Bangladesh), Zainal Abidin (Singapore) bt Soubra (Lebanon), Silva (Sri Lanka) bt Jackie (Hong Kong), Singh (India) bt Shanot (Bangladesh), Kamal (Jordan) bt Sharoud (Iraq), Fares Baghdadi (Iraq) bt Ali (Lebanon), Salem Al Uwais (Kuwait) bt De Lewis (Sri Lanka), Heng (Singapore) bt Naser Abdulaziz (Bahrain), Gurubham (Malaysia) bt Osama Al Sayed (Kuwait), Tareq Al Uwais (Kuwait) bt Hamed (Bangladesh), Yousef Al Kuwari (Qatar) bt Choi Tony (Hong Kong), Durowala (India) bt Anis Shobari (Palestine), Adel Al Gharib (Kuwait) bt Fernando (Sri Lanka), Hashem (Malaysia) bt Bogi (Lebanon).



Qamar Zaman (left) in action during the exhibition match. Qamar won by two sets to one.

UEFA defers decision on English ban

MONTE CARLO, Jan 20, (Reuter): European soccer chiefs deferred a decision on the readmission of English teams to Europe's three club competitions today, but left the way open for a return next season.

The European Football Union (UEFA) turned down a Scottish move for an immediate end to the ban imposed after the Heysel stadium riots in 1985 when 39 spectators died before the European club final in Brussels between Liverpool and Juventus.

Club

The decision on the return of England's clubs to the Champions' Cup Winners' and UEFA Cups will now be made at the next executive committee meeting in St Andrews, Scotland, in May and English officials here said they remained optimistic their clubs would be competing next season.

But UEFA president Jacques Georges, who told a news conference the final decision would be taken at St Andrews, said several details on how England's readmission would be carried out still needed to be studied.

Those details included what to do with Liverpool if, as expected, the club wins the championship this year. Liverpool were banned for a further three years after the eventual readmission of English clubs because of their fans' involvement in the Heysel disaster.

Reversed

The question of what would happen if foreign governments refused to allow English clubs to play in their countries would also have to be considered, Georges said.

The UEFA president also said that even if UEFA reinstated English clubs, the decision would be reversed if English fans caused trouble during the

European Championship finals.

"Everything will depend on us behaving ourselves during the European championship," Millichip said.

I would say to the English fans that they must behave themselves. The chances of them being provoked are very, very likely ... and if they think they are going to get into trouble, please don't go (to West Germany)."

Carter said fans in West Germany would be holding English football to ransom and readmission to European competition depended on their good behaviour.

"It's very much in the hands of the fans," he added.

Georges said the two Englishmen had detailed "in great length," the measures taken in England to curb hooliganism, including the installation of closed-circuit television in stadiums.

RESULTS

First-round matches:

Auham Aram (Iraq) bt Erfan Al Saqifi (Palestine), Jassim

Vatanen takes 2nd place

MOUDJERIA, Mauritania, Jan 20, (Reuter): Finland's Ari Vatanen, awaiting the outcome of his appeal against disqualification, took second place on yesterday's 530 km stage of the Paris-Dakar rally between Kayes, Mali, and Moudjeria.

The effort was deeply satisfying for Vatanen, who started Monday's stage hours late after his work Peugeot was stolen and held for ransom. He had led the rally by a healthy margin until the incident and was later dis-

qualified for failing to make the re-start inside the permitted time allowance.

Vatanen has now improved to second place overall but he is more than two hours behind fellow Finn Peugeot teammate and World Champion Juha Kankkunen.

Kankkunen looks set to win the 22-day desert test that has been marred by four deaths and serious injuries, prompting much criticism.

Saby set to score victory

MONTE CARLO, Jan 20, (Reuter): Frenchman Bruno Saby was poised yesterday for the most important victory of his long career after his Lancia team-mate Yves Loubet crashed out of the Monte Carlo rally.

More than 10 minutes separated Saby from second-placed Alessandro Fiorio of Italy at the end of three days and 17 timed stages of the rally.

Former world champion Timo Salonen was making a

determined bid to catch the leading group after dropping to 49th position on Sunday, but trailing Saby by over 28 minutes, he appeared to have too much ground to make up.

The Finnish driver, in a Mazda 323, pulled out all the stops yesterday, turning in his first timed-stage victory in the French Alps and moving up to fifth overall as Saby protected his lead, easing off the accelerator.

Seoul Games

ADDIS ABABA, Jan 20, (Reuter): Marxist Ethiopia yesterday followed Cuba in supporting North Korea's boycott of the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.



Kuwaiti stars shine in Dubai

WITH three victories and a string of other impressive performances at the fifth Dubai Horse Show, Kuwait has enhanced its reputation as one of the Middle East's strongest showjumping nations.

While the UAE led the way with five wins, Kuwaiti riders won three titles, and mounted strong challenges in most of the other competitions in an event that attracted most of the region's leading horsemen and women, along with a collection of international stars.

Cheered

With a double triumph at the Dubai Metropolitan Hotel arena, dashing Kuwait Army Lieutenant Rakad Al Thafferi established himself as one of the stars of the show.

The vociferous Kuwaiti contingent who cheered Thafferi to victory on successive days, were also able to achieve another splendid win, by Osama Khadr.

But there was no stopping talented English rider Duncan Inglis in the main event, the Dunhill Cup. Inglis rode Benyon to a brilliant win to add to his success 24 hours earlier in the Yashika Jashanmal Open Stakes, in which Kuwait's Jamil Al Awadi finished fourth.

For the UAE, ten-year-old Shamma Abdullah Abuolhoul produced one of the most exciting rounds of the whole show on Golden Guinea to take the

Man of the Match: Geoff Marsh.

In that last event, Lynya Al

Essa made a marvellous attempt

to snatch a win on Excite, but the

17-year-old Kuwaiti schoolgirl

was beaten by a fraction of a second after a flawless round in the jump-off.

Claimed

The 31-year-old rider at the

stables of Oman's Environment

Minister, Sayyid Shabib bin

Taimur Al Said, won the Al Habtoor Motors Open Stakes on

Nabilah on the opening day, and

also took claimed third place with Zafira.

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